

*Town*

# Annual Report 1947



town of  
**BRAINTREE**



# ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE TOWN OF

BRAINTREE  
MASSACHUSETTS



*For The Year*

1947



## *Preface*

“The selectmen, before the annual town meeting, shall at the expense of the town print the annual town report, for the use of the inhabitants, containing the report of the selectmen for the financial year preceding said meeting, the report of the school committee, and, except as otherwise provided by vote or by-law of the Town, of such other officers and boards as consider it expedient to make a report, the jury list as required by chapter two hundred thirty-four, and such other matters as the law, or the town by vote or by-law, requires, or as the selectmen consider expedient. If the selectmen neglect or refuse to make the annual town report, they shall severally forfeit fifty dollars.” *General Laws: Chapter 40, Section 49.*

“The head of each Town department, and every committee or board appointed or elected shall on or before the 15th of January report in writing to the Selectmen on their doings during the preceding calendar year and their recommendations for action by the Town. These reports shall be in such form as the Selectmen shall prescribe.

Sect. 2. The Selectmen shall cause to be printed and distributed before the annual Town Meeting the reports of the various Town officers, boards and committees, and shall cause copies of said report to be distributed to each registered voter of the Town who shall apply therefor at the office of the Selectmen.”

*Town By-Laws: Article V as amended.*

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## *Town Officers 1947*

### **Moderator**

Horace T. Cahill, 1948 (Resigned)

### **Town Clerk**

Ernest C. Woodsum, 1948

### **Town Treasurer**

John W. Harding, 1948

### **Selectmen**

Albert E. Roberts (Chairman) 1950	
John W. Mahar (Clerk), 1948	Raymond P. Palmer, 1949

### **Board of Public Welfare**

John W. Mahar (Chairman), 1948	
Albert E. Roberts (Clerk), 1950	Raymond P. Palmer, 1949

### **Assessors**

Walter B. Skinner (Chairman), 1948	
Arthur E. Boynton (Clerk), 1950	Norris H. Pinault, 1949

### **Water Commissioners**

Thomas E. Sears (Chairman), 1949	
Joseph Landers, 1948	Willard P. Sheppard, 1950

### **School Committee**

Elmer H. Derby (Chairman), 1948	
Herbert O. Boardman (Resigned), 1949	Helen M. Harmon (Appointed)
Sophie G. Blunt, 1950	Archie T. Morrison, 1948
Ovidio D. Chiesa, 1950	G. Ralph Young (Resigned)

### Municipal Lighting Board

Norton P. Potter (Chairman), 1950  
Frank P. Lord (Secretary), 1949                   Shelley A. Neal, 1948

### Park Commissioners

Earl C. Hollis (Chairman), 1950  
Charles F. Abell (Clerk), 1949                   Harry F. Vinton, Jr., 1948

### Sewer Commissioners

Bernard R. Andrews (Chairman), 1948  
Charles C. Temple, 1949                           Clinton I. Bates, 1950

### Board of Health

Herbert B. Hollis (Elected), (Chairman), 1948  
Deane R. Walker (Clerk), 1948                   John J. Atkinson, 1949  
H. Irving Charnock (Resigned)

### Collector of Taxes

George H. Gerrior, Jr., 1948

### Tree Warden

Clarence R. Bestick, 1948

### Planning Board

Frank L. Heaney (Chairman), 1950  
Helen M. Ellsworth, 1948                           Joseph M. Magaldi (Clerk), 1949  
Howard J. Williams, 1948                           Edward J. Rose  
John J. Drinkwater, Town Engineer, Ex-officio

### Trustees of Thayer Public Library

Stacy B. Southworth (Chairman), Life Member  
Morrill R. Allen, Life Member                       Mabel S. Rogers (Clerk), 1948  
Ralph B. Woodsum, Life Member                       Clara G. Wetherbee, 1948

### Trustees of School Fund

Arthur L. Hale (Chairman), 1949  
Morrill R. Allen, 1949                               Joseph H. Bramble (Clerk), 1949  
H. Irving Charnock, 1949                           Carroll D. Welch, 1949  
Charles G. Jordan, 1949                               Ralph B. Woodsum, 1949

### Contributory Retirement Board

Ralph W. Maglathlin (Chairman)  
Jonathan W. French (Clerk)                       Lowell Holbrook

Date following name is the year in which officer's term expires.

## **Measurers of Wood and Weighers of Hay**

Willard P. Sheppard

Matthew McCusker

George A. Williams

## **Measurers of Lumber**

John C. Pafford

Shelley A. Neal

Daniel A. Maloney

## **OUR NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS**

### **United States Senate**

Leverett Saltonstall

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

### **United States House of Representatives**

Richard B. Wigglesworth

### **Massachusetts Legislature**

Senator John D. Mackay

Rep. Raymond P. Palmer

Rep. John L. Gallant

Rep. Albert E. Roberts

### **Governor's Council**

Clayton L. Havey

### **Norfolk County Commissioners**

Frederick A. Leavitt (Chairman), 1951

Russell T. Bates, 1949

Edward W. Hunt, 1949

## **Town Meeting Members**

### **Precinct 1**

John F. Barrett	1948	Kenneth G. Dyer	1948
John J. Foley	1948	Nicola A. Galotti	1948
Milton B. Hallett	1948	Ernest J. Janssen	1948
Charles G. Lord	1948	Joseph M. Magaldi	1948
Horace S. Miles	1948	Nahum R. Pillsbury	1948
Donald Prouty	1948	Roland H. Whitman	1948
Joseph Zanghi	1948	John Alden	1949
Raymond J. Brickley	1949	George H. Cain	1949
H. Irving Charnock	1949	Vito M. D'Acci	1949
Elmer G. Derby	1949	Earl R. Grant	1949
Lawrence W. Guild	1949	Knute Ingmanson	1949
John F. Leetch	1949	Archie T. Morrison	1949
Earl A. Prario	1949	Harry T. Sears	1949
George E. Bowker	1950	Edward T. Foley	1950
Arthur C. Forst (Deceased)	1950	Robert G. Hobart	1950
Henry C. Lake	1950	Arthur F. Lucas	1950
Arthur H. McGibbon	1950	George L. Novelline	1950
John F. O'Rourke	1950	H. Winthrop S. Roberts	1950
Cornelius L. Sullivan	1950	Russell White	1950
Ira R. Young	1950		

### **Precinct 2**

Felix H. Atkinson	1948	Howard B. Blewett	1948
Daniel F. Caskin	1948	Leland H. Crosby	1948
Charles R. Cummings	1948	William D. Ewing	1948
Walter R. Howland	1948	James L. Jordan	1948
Roger Lakin	1948	R. Stanley McConnell	1948

Joseph W. Mulcahy	1948	Otis B. Oakman	1948
Norton P. Potter	1948	Russell B. Rae	1948
Harvey J. Annis	1949	Olive R. Bean	1949
Herbert O. Boardman	1949	Arthur L. Hale	1949
Leo J. Hart, Jr.	1949	Lowell S. Holbrook	1949
Alfred M. Legg	1949	Harold T. Lingham	1949
Moses P. Marsh	1949	Stanley T. Plumer	1949
Stacy B. Southworth	1949	John Q. Wentworth	1949
John T. Finnegan	1949	William G. Brooks	1950
Benjamin A. Brownell	1950	Gordon W. Bryant	1950
Clarence S. Cassidy	1950	Chester W. Daily	1950
Charles R. Furlong	1950	Earl D. Gilliatt	1950
William Gray	1950	Earl C. Hollis	1950
Harry J. Joyce	1950	Frederick J. Klay	1950
J. Stanley McLaughlin	1950	Harold E. Norris	1950
Raymond L. Strangford	1950	Joseph Landers	1949

### Precinct 3

Andrew J. Alden	1948	Chester A. Belyea	1948
Sophie G. Blunt	1948	William J. Connell	1948
Helen M. Ellsworth	1948	Henry D. Higgins	1948
William G. Iliffe	1948	Earl R. Kellogg	1948
Shelley A. Neal	1948	Mortimer N. Peck	1948
Samuel H. Ripley	1948	Ruth C. Scott	1948
George E. Warren	1948	Albert E. Wynot	1948
Alfred W. Beck	1949	Gordon L. F. Belyea	1949
Roland G. Belyea	1949	Clarence R. Bestick	1949
Earle S. Bucknam	1949	Mary T. Ellis	1949
Nelson A. Haviland	1949	C. Frederick Hedlund	1949
Richard A. Hunt	1949	Albert R. Klay	1949
John E. Morcom	1949	Carroll D. Welch	1949
Howard C. White	1949	Austin E. Wynot	1949
William B. Belcher	1950	Harry W. Bond	1950
Joseph A. Carson	1950	Edwin L. Emerson	1950
Frank A. Ewart	1950	Charles W. Gillies	1950
Leo J. Hart	1950	Frank L. Heaney	1950
George A. Hitchcock	1950	Will R. Minchin	1950
Eugene T. Nolte	1950	Lucius A. Qualey	1950
Albert E. Roberts	1950	Charles W. Woodworth	1950

### Precinct 4

George L. Anderson	1948	Ernest Becker	1948
A. Winton Caird	1948	Rowena L. Hall	1948
Herbert B. Hollis	1948	Atherton N. Hunt	1948
James L. Jenkins	1948	Harlan W. Kingsbury	1948
Minnie C. Lawley	1948	Frank T. Maguire	1948
William F. Rogers	1948	Nelson H. Seaver	1948
Seward W. Taber	1948	John T. Trefry, Jr.	1948
Arthur E. Boynton	1949	Walter M. Brock	1949
Francis S. Carter	1949	Ovidio D. Chiesa	1949
Theophilus J. Craig	1949	Richard W. Farnsworth	1949
Edith L. French	1949	Walter E. Morrison	1949
Edward E. Palmer	1949	Alton C. Perry	1949
Harold F. Robinson	1949	Robert J. Stalker	1949
J. Fred Trainor	1949	Elmer F. Wilcox	1949
John D. Aumen	1950	Joseph P. Barrett	1950
Thomas H. Collins	1950	Margaret E. Duffee	1950
Andrew H. Gordon	1950	Drew B. Hall	1950

Thomas R. Huleatt	1950	Frank J. Kenna	1950
Chester W. Nelson	1950	Victor S. Petterson	1950
Mabel S. Rogers	1950	William J. Stevenson	1950
Laurence H. Trainor	1950	Gordon E. Trask	1950

### Precinct 5

Morrill R. Allen	1948	Fred Belyea	1948
Carl H. Bjorkman	1948	John A. Cassidy	1948
Thomas F. Cassidy	1948	Joseph W. Cuff	1948
Joseph A. Haley	1948	G. Vinton Jones	1948
Frank P. Lord	1948	Daniel A. Maloney	1948
Charles F. Travers	1948	Harry E. Williams	1948
George E. Wilson, Jr.	1948	Louise E. R. Alexander	1949
Kathleen A. Bjorkman	1949	William J. Burns	1949
Ray M. Leavitt	1949	Albert L. Rice	1949
Percy T. Richards	1949	Simon B. Rideout	1949
W. Edward Skinner	1949	John M. Southwick	1949
Leo F. Starr	1949	William B. Taylor	1949
William R. Wilder	1949	Charles W. Baldwin	1950
Clarence N. Blair	1950	Amos S. Buker	1950
Charles H. Buker	1950	Edward D. Cahill	1950
John J. Canavan	1950	Joseph P. Cassidy	1950
Ralph P. Chadbourne	1950	Henry A. Cohoon	1950
Alice Davenport	1950	Frank D. Learned	1950
Jessie Macgregor	1950	Walter B. Skinner	1950
William Walker	1949		

### Precinct 6

Jack R. Ainsleigh	1948	John E. Cannon	1948
George F. Creehan	1948	Walter E. Delory	1948
Frank H. Diekmeyer	1948	Reuben H. Frogel	1948
Helen M. Harmon	1948	Emilio Libertine	1948
W. Homer Melville	1948	Russell Oliver	1948
Raymond P. Palmer	1948	G. Ralph Young	1948
Mae K. Cannon	1949	Catherine O. Delory	1949
William F. Dugan	1949	Edward P. Long	1949
William F. Mullaney	1949	George W. Nelson	1949
Ernest W. Oxton	1949	Edward J. Rose	1949
Edward A. Saunders	1949	Arthur E. Stenberg	1949
Ernest M. Wells	1949	E. Chester Wright	1949
Paul F. Bailey	1950	Howard R. Beaver	1950
Joseph J. Carty	1950	Alfred O. Fitch	1950
Christopher M. Garland	1950	John F. Harkin	1950
Ruby Keigan	1950	Harriet B. W. Kimball	1950
Alan C. Litchfield	1950	Margaret C. Palmer	1950
John H. Stenberg	1950	Charles Littlewood	1950

## Appointed Officers and Committees

### Police Department

Edward D. Cahill, Chief and Keeper of the Lock-up  
 N. Eric Nelson, Deputy Chief  
 Everett A. Buker, Sergeant  
 Albert R. Klay, Sergeant  
 Earl A. Prario, Sergeant  
 John F. O'Rourke, Sergeant  
 John W. Illingworth, Sergeant

### **Patrolmen**

Harvey J. Annis	Henry A. Cohoon
George H. Faustini	Joseph W. Flaherty
William Gallivan	Christopher M. Garland
Frank E. Hull	Edward P. Long
Frank T. Maguire	J. Stanley McLaughlin
George L. Novelline	Edward N. Sharon
Cornelius L. Sullivan	Russell White
George E. Wilson, Jr.	Albert E. Wynot
Leo J. Hart, Jr.	Herbert H. Eno
J. Dudley Gannon	

### **Reserve Officers**

Herbert Lewis	James P. Smith	Thomas H. Walsh
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### **Fire Department**

Fred A. Tenney, Chief
Harry T. Sears, Joseph L. Dennehy, Deputy Chiefs

### **Board of Registrars**

Roger Lakin (Chairman)	1949	Thomas F. Mulligan,	1950
Lillian M. Drinkwater	1948	Ernest C. Woodsum, Clerk, ex-officio	

### **Field Drivers**

Walter J. Mattie	Mansfield A. Belyea	Felice Zampine
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### **Fence Viewers**

Kenneth R. Lingley	W. Homer Melville	Arthur E. Boynton
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### **Inspector of Plumbing**

Israel P. Weston	Arthur F. Sullivan
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### **Board of Appeal Under Zoning By-Law**

Frank A. Ewart, Chairman	Earl R. Grant, Clerk
Ralph B. Woodsum	C. Frederick Tarbox, Alternate

### **Board of Appeal Under Building Code**

Ovidio D. Chiesa	Joseph M. Duffy
Lawrence S. Joslin (Deceased)	Ralph H. Marstin, (Appointed)

### **Airport Commission**

William G. Brooks	1950 George T. Woodsum	1949
Frank L. Heaney	1950 John W. Murphy	1949
	Harlan W. Kingsbury	1948

TOWN ACCOUNTANT .....	Ralph W. Maglathlin
BURIAL AGENT .....	George 'A. Shortle
BUILDING INSPECTOR .....	John C. Pafford

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR .....	Daniel A. Maloney
WIRE INSPECTOR .....	Harry Barnes
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES .....	George A. Shortle
WELFARE AGENT .....	Henry J. Gaffney
TOWN COUNSEL .....	Jonathan W. French
TOWN ENGINEER .....	John J. Drinkwater
SUPT. OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM .....	Fred A. Tenney
SUPT. OF INFIRMARY .....	Patrick T. Donahue
SUPT. OF STREETS .....	John Q. Wentworth
SUPT. OF ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT. ....	Ernest T. Fulton
SUPT. OF WATER DEPT. ....	George N. Watson
SUPT. OF SEWER DEPT. ....	George F. Brousseau
SUPT. OF PLAIN STREET CEMETERY ....	Albert A. Drollett
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ....	Victor E. Swanson
HEALTH AGENT .....	Frederick C. Johnson
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS .....	James F. Mattie
INSPECTOR OF MEATS AND PROVISIONS .	James F. Mattie
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT .....	John Q. Wentworth
FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, MANAGER .....	George A. Shortle
FOREST WARDEN .....	Fred A. Tenney
MILK INSPECTOR .....	Frederick C. Johnson
DOG OFFICER .....	William F. Lammers
SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR .....	James F. Mattie
HARBOR MASTER .....	Harry T. Sears
ASSISTANT HARBOR MASTER .....	Seward W. Taber

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Arthur W. Moffatt (Chairman), 1948

Roy W. Lawson (Secretary), 1949

Joseph J. Carty	1948	Lawrence W. Guild	1948
Stanley H. Richards	1948	Seward W. Taber	1948
Thomas B. Hutchinson	1949	John E. McLeod	1949
Robert Whitehouse	1949	Harry E. Williams	1949
Raymond J. Brickley	1950	Ralph P. Chadbourne	1950
William F. Dugan	1950	Harry J. Joyce	1950
Roger C. Noyes	1950	E. Curtiss Mower, Jr. (Ex-Officio)	

# Report of Town Clerk

Ernest C. Woodsum—Town Clerk

	No. of Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	2	\$4,947.25	\$4,943.69
1947	2	5,129.00	5,129.00

	Receipts	1946	1947
Dog licenses .....	\$2,621.80	\$2,290.60	
Sporting licenses .....	2,503.75		2,054.25

## Vital Statistics

	1946	1947
Births .....	463	449
Marriages .....	311	301
Deaths .....	251	260

## Town Election

Number of Votes Cast — 5035

Precinct 1 .....	855
Precinct 2 .....	984
Precinct 3 .....	1015
Precinct 4 .....	977
Precinct 5 .....	679
Precinct 6 .....	525

### FOR MODERATOR

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Horace T. Cahill .....	634	793	879	856	544	460	4166
Scattering .....						1	1
Blanks .....	221	191	136	121	135	64	868

### FOR TOWN CLERK

Ernest C. Woodsum ....	674	798	918	893	589	463	4335
Blanks .....	181	186	97	84	90	62	700

### FOR TOWN TREASURER

John W. Harding .....	656	788	908	850	557	439	4198
Blanks .....	199	196	107	127	122	86	837

### FOR SELECTMAN (For Three Years)

Henry D. Higgins .....	275	331	489	451	277	294	2117
Albert E. Roberts .....	550	625	507	501	388	217	2788
Blanks .....	30	28	19	25	14	14	130

### FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (For Three Years)

Henry D. Higgins .....	266	321	485	449	268	274	2063
Albert E. Roberts .....	544	616	481	487	379	227	2734
Blanks .....	45	47	49	41	32	24	238

**FOR ASSESSOR (For Three Years)**

Arthur E. Boynton .....	127	204	331	446	283	230	1621
Carlton H. Dyer .....	173	119	24	27	21	15	379
Charles R. Furlong .....	225	335	49	41	43	26	719
William G. Iliffe .....	66	94	203	151	68	83	665
Ralph R. Nesbit .....	34	29	9	11	11	6	100
Donald Prouty .....	112	74	103	73	59	30	451
Herbert F. Stackhouse ..	89	88	258	196	166	106	903
Blanks .....	29	41	38	32	28	29	197

**FOR WATER COMMISSIONER (For Three Years)**

John F. Leetch .....	458	447	223	218	144	87	1577
Willard P. Sheppard ...	311	452	692	650	475	393	2973
Blanks .....	86	85	100	109	60	45	485

**FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE (For Three Years)**

Roger W. Arnold .....	132	132	181	272	116	83	916
Howard B. Blewett ....	222	278	339	211	208	196	1454
Sophie G. Blunt .....	218	240	423	202	218	196	1497
Ovidio D. Chiesa .....	306	334	467	587	244	147	2085
John W. Donovan .....	164	214	130	139	137	83	867
Thomas F. McSharry ..	193	265	59	58	67	59	701
Grace Neal Trefry ....	150	176	204	271	174	126	1101
Blanks .....	325	329	227	214	194	160	1449

**FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHTING BOARD (For Three Years)**

Joseph P. Barrett .....	312	288	229	323	268	207	1627
Norton P. Potter .....	428	591	692	588	348	259	2906
Blanks .....	115	105	94	66	63	59	502

**FOR BOARD OF HEALTH (For Three Years)**

John J. Atkinson .....	669	777	866	841	565	440	4158
Blanks .....	186	207	149	136	114	85	877

**FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER (For Three Years)**

Clinton I. Bates .....	673	782	852	818	550	434	4109
Blanks .....	182	202	163	159	129	91	926

**FOR PARK COMMISSIONER (For Three Years)**

Earl C. Hollis .....	695	843	859	824	544	429	4194
Blanks .....	160	141	156	153	135	96	841

**FOR TAX COLLECTOR**

George H. Gerrior, Jr. .	717	799	885	851	582	458	4292
Blanks .....	138	185	130	126	97	67	743

**FOR TREE WARDEN**

Clarence R. Bestick ....	664	754	798	779	522	420	3937
Blanks .....	191	230	217	198	157	105	1098

FOR PLANNING BOARD (For Three Years)

Frank L. Heaney .....	597	777	830	813	541	418	3976
Blanks .....	258	207	185	164	138	107	1059

Precinct 1

THIRTEEN TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (For Three Years)

*George E. Bowker	459	*Arthur H. McGibbon	514
*Edward T. Foley	429	*George L. Novelline	519
*Arthur C. Forst	508	*John F. O'Rourke	580
Lewis H. Gould	412	*H. Winthrop Roberts	500
Arthur J. Guilbert	305	*Cornelius L. Sullivan	517
*Robert G. Hobart	517	*Russell White	513
*Henry C. Lake	473	*Ira R. Young	445
*Arthur F. Lucas	513		

TWO TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (For One Year)  
(To Fill Vacancy)

*Milton B. Hallett	597	*Charles G. Lord	671
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Precinct 2

FOURTEEN TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (For Three Years)

Hutchadew Babaian	319	*Earl D. Gilliatt	450
Nicholas L. Basile	297	*William Gray	434
*William G. Brooks	560	*Earl C. Hollis	529
*Benjamin A. Brownell	543	James Hough	292
*Gordon W. Bryant	516	*Harry J. Joyce	449
*Clarence S. Cassidy	436	*Frederick J. Klay	492
*Chester W. Daily	538	*J. Stanley McLaughlin	537
Carroll P. Daiute	380	*Harold E. Norris	511
William D. Dyer	407	*Raymond L. Strangford	592
*Charles R. Furlong	576	James V. Tedesco	251

ONE TOWN MEETING MEMBER (For Two Years)  
(To Fill Vacancy)

*Leo J. Hart, Jr.	790
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ONE TOWN MEETING MEMBER (For One Year)  
(To Fill Vacancy)

*Russell B. Rae	766
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Precinct 3

FOURTEEN TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (For Three Years)

*William B. Belcher	611	*George A. Hitchcock	650
*Harry W. Bond	703	Harold W. Johnson	429
*Joseph A. Carson	653	*Will R. Minchin	692
Laurie P. Cotton	460	*Eugene T. Nolte	618
*Edwin L. Emerson	673	Hugh P. Opie	438
*Frank A. Ewart	644	*Lucius A. Qualey	687
*Charles W. Gillies	550	*Albert E. Roberts	620
*Leo J. Hart	568	*Charles W. Woodworth	678
*Frank L. Heaney	577		

### Precinct 4

#### FOURTEEN TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (For Three Years)

*John D. Aumen	624	*Frank J. Kenna	615
*Joseph P. Barrett	656	*Chester W. Nelson	664
*Thomas H. Collins	573	*Victor S. Petterson	662
John M. Corcoran	522	*Mabel S. Rogers	661
*Margaret M. Duffee	623	*William J. Stevenson	702
*Andrew H. Gordon	551	*Laurence A. Trainor	562
*Drew B. Hall	653	*Gordon E. Trask	655
*Thomas R. Huleatt	679	Scattering	1

#### ONE TOWN MEETING MEMBER (For One Year)

(To Fill Vacancy)

*Ernest G. Becker	200	William J. McCullough	161
George G. Haworth	71	Joseph C. Mischler	182
Lillian E. Killam	198		

### Precinct 5

#### THIRTEEN TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (For Three Years)

*Charles W. Baldwin	371	*Henry A. Cohoon	387
*Clarence N. Blair	359	*Alice Davenport	365
*Amos S. Buker	405	John Goodhue	299
*Charles H. Buker	381	*Frank D. Learned	335
Everett A. Buker	280	*Jessie Macgregor	412
*Edward D. Cahill	491	John E. Ryan	246
*John J. Canavan	386	*Walter B. Skinner	423
*Joseph P. Cassidy	444	Harold R. Walsh	280
*Ralph P. Chadbourne	393		

### Precinct 6

#### TWELVE TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (For Three Years)

*Paul F. Bailey	308	*Harriet B. W. Kimball	305
*Howard R. Beaver	288	*Alan C. Litchfield	291
*Joseph J. Carty	331	*Charles Littlewood	289
*Alfred O. Fitch	366	Edward J. Lydon	225
O. William Freier	276	*Margaret C. Palmer	333
*Christopher M. Garland	287	*John H. Stenberg	323
*John F. Harkin	357	Franklin B. Thompson	285
*Ruby Keigan	330		

#### ONE TOWN MEETING MEMBER (For One Year)

(To Fill Vacancy)

*Jack R. Ainsleigh	411
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\* Elected.

## *Annual Town Meeting*

'Article 1. To choose all Town Officers, except those elected by ballot.

Voted: To elect John C. Pafford, Shelley A. Neal and Daniel A. Maloney for Measurers of Lumber.

Voted: To elect George A. Williams, Matthew McCusker and Willard P. Sheppard for Measurers of Wood and Weighers of Hay.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the several boards of Town Officers, and committees, and choose any committee the Town may think proper.

Voted: That Article 2 be taken up in conjunction with all other articles.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.—So Voted.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.—So Voted.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for general municipal purposes under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1933 as amended, or take any action relative thereto.—So Voted.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take to make changes, if any, in Standard Rate Ranges, so-called, and the Employment Classification Plan adopted at the Annual Town Meeting of 1946.

Voted: That, with the exception of Sections 6 to 10, inclusive, dealing with Vacations, Leave of Absence, Sick Leave and Jury Duty, the operation of the Standard Rate Ranges and the Employment Classification Plan adopted at the Annual Town Meeting of 1946 be suspended until such time as a Town Meeting shall vote otherwise.

Article 7. To see what sums the Town will raise by taxation or otherwise to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges and expenses of the several Town Departments for the ensuing year and to appropriate the same. (For amounts appropriated, see Town Accountant's Report, Recapitulation, page 56).

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 559 of the Acts of 1946, entitled, "AN ACT AUTHORIZING INCREASES OF THE AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS PAYABLE TO CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN RETIRED".—So Voted.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 6, Chapter 576 of the 'Acts of 1946, entitled, "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE

OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION AND OF  
POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREMEN IN CERTAIN CITIES AND  
TOWNS".—So Voted.

Article 10. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Braintree Post No. 1702, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, for rent of a Hall to conduct meetings and other functions of the Post, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action necessary.

Article 11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide off the street coasting, or take any action relative thereto.—No action.

Article 12. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the eradication and prevention of "Dutch Elm" disease, so-called, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted \$300.00.

Article 13. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for site improvement or completion at "Union Village", so-called and other expense not chargeable to Federal Funds, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$684.00, of which \$300.00 shall be used for playground supervision at Union Village and \$384.00 for playground equipment at Union Village, both to be expended under the direction of the Union Village project manager.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-Laws by inserting a new article to read as follows: regulating the operation of Plants and Machinery in the Town of Braintree in certain cases:

Section 1. No person, firm or corporation operating a plant or machinery the operation of which is excessively noisy and disturbing to the reasonable peace and quiet of the proximate neighborhood shall operate the same or cause the same to be operated in the Town of Braintree before the hour of seven o'clock A.M., or after the hour of six o'clock P.M. of any day without a permit thereof first having been obtained from the Town Clerk of said Town. A person, firm or corporation shall be deemed excessively noisy upon the written complaint to the Town Clerk of ten citizens. Any appeal from the decision of the Town Clerk shall be heard by the Board of Health Commissioners whose decision shall be final.

Section 2. The Town Clerk in using his discretion in the issuance of such permit, shall take into consideration the emergency of the occasion and the reasonable necessity, the emergency considered of such operation upon any day or days after the hour as above set. The permit may cover a day or a period of days not to exceed three. The term emergency as used above shall be defined as being anything which shall effect the health, safety or well being of the community.

Section 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.—No action.

Article 15. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elimination of Rats and Mosquitoes in the area near the Town Dump, or take any action relative thereto.—No action.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend that part of its existing By-Laws relating to Zoning by adding to Paragraph 3 of Section IX, thereof the following: In addition to the appeals provided for by law, appeals may be taken to the board of appeals by any officer or board of the Town, or by any person aggrieved by any order or decision of the Inspector of Buildings or other administrative official in violation of the zoning statutes or of this by-law. An appeal to the board of appeals shall be taken within ten days after the date of the order or decision appealed from, by filing a notice of appeal specifying the ground thereof with the Town Clerk, who shall forthwith transmit copies of the notice of appeal to the officer or board from whose order or decision the appeal is taken and to the members of the board of appeals.—So Voted. Disapproved by Attorney General.

Article 17. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, the same to be taken from the revenue of the Department, and the unexpended balance of 1946, or take any action relative thereto.—No action necessary.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Water Department for the salaries of the Water Commissioners.—No action necessary.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of \$264.79 from the sums voted for the construction of a 12-inch water main in West Street under Article 18 of the Warrant for 1944, under Article 15 of the Warrant for 1945 and under Article 7 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting held on June 18, 1945, to the Account for Construction of New Water Mains as voted under Article 22 of the Warrant for 1946.—So Voted.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving the water system by laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter; and authorize the Selectmen to borrow all or any part of said sum in accordance with the provision of any General or special Act authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take action relative thereto.—No action.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate any sum or sums of money, to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners, for the construction of sewers for sanitary purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$75,000.00 be raised and appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners, for the construction of sewers for sanitary purposes.

Article 22. To see if the Town will take action under Section 7, Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1930, and the provisions of Chapter 83, General Laws, to make a different determination than that voted at the Special Town Meeting of November 27, 1933, or proportion of the estimated cost of its system or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal that the Town shall pay, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will take action under Section 7 Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1930, and the provisions of Chapter 83, General Laws, respecting the method by which the remaining portion of the estimated cost of the Town's system or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal shall be provided for, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town Counsel be directed to take such action as may be necessary to secure the passage of legislation by the General Court which will enable the Town at a subsequent Town Meeting to decide whether it will make a different determination than that voted at the Special Town Meeting of November 27, 1933, of the proportion of the estimated cost of its system or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal that the Town shall pay and whether it will change the method by which the remaining portion of said estimated cost shall be provided for.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department, the sum of Three Hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the salaries of the Electric Light Commissioners.—No action necessary.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to include in the tax levy for electricity used for street lighting, the sum of Ninety-Eight Hundred dollars (\$9800.00) as appropriated under Article 7, of the warrant of the year 1947 annual Town Meeting, and that said sum together with the income from sales of electricity to private consumers or for current supplied to Municipal buildings or for Municipal power, and from the sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the use of the Municipal Light Plant the whole to be expended under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for repairs, renewals, new construction and operating expenses of the Plant for the fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, General Laws, and that if said income shall exceed the expense for the fiscal year such amount of excess as is deemed necessary by the Municipal Light Board shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and shall be used for such additions to the plant as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board and any remaining amount paid into the surplus of the Town Treasury.—So Voted.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a portion of the land as shown on Town Plan as Plots 1 and 2, Plan No. 2018, on the corner of Union Street and Cleveland Avenue, now under the control of the Sewer Department, to the use of the Electric Light Department.—So Voted.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping an addition to the High School for the making of additions, alterations and repairs to the present building and for the construction of an annex to said school at the present location thereof, or for any one or more of the above purposes, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all, or any part of said sums, in accordance with the provisions of any general or special acts authorizing the Town to borrow for said purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

Article 28. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elimination of ragweed and poison ivy from public ways in the Town and land adjacent thereto, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted to refer to Highway Department.

Article 29. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Lincoln Street, co-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That Lincoln Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen, be accepted as a Town Way and that there be appropriated the sum of \$3,520.00 to repair the street and that 2/3 of that amount be assessed as betterments against the abutters.

Article 30. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Vernon Street, so-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 31. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Oakland Street, so-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—So Voted.

Article 32. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Home Park Road; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 33. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Roberts Street, so-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 34. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Sycamore Road, so-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That Sycamore Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen be accepted as and for a town way, that the sum of \$2,040.00 be raised and appropriated for the improvement of the same and that betterments be assessed to the extent of 66 2/3% of the cost of said improvement.

Article 35. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Cavanagh Road, so-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That Cavanagh Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen be accepted as and for a town way, that the sum of \$1,425.00 be raised and appropriated for the improvement of the same and that betterments be assessed to the extent of 66 2/3% of the cost of said improvement.

Article 36. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Lakeside Drive, so-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 37. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, a portion of Totnes Road, so-called, beginning at the end of the layout of March 16, 1931, and extending in a westerly direction approximately 120'; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 38. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, a portion of North Bowditch Street, so-called, running southerly from Hayward Street to a distance of about

702'; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That a portion of North Bowditch Street, so-called, running southerly from Hayward Street to a distance of about 702 feet, as laid out by the Selectmen, be accepted as and for a town way, that the sum of \$4,421.00 be raised and appropriated for the improvement of the same and that betterments be assessed to the extent of 66 2/3% of the cost of said improvement.

Article 39. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Plymouth Avenue, so-called, running southeasterly from Arbutus Avenue to a distance of about 155'; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 40. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, a portion of Common Street and Staten Road, as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 41. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Howie Road, so-called, from Acorn Street to Walnut Street; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That Howie Road, so-called, from Acorn Street to Walnut Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, be accepted as and for a Town Way.

Article 42. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lay out as and for a Town Way, that part of Thayer Road, so-called, running northeasterly from the end of the present layout to Shaw Street, or take any action relative thereto.—So Voted.

Article 43. ON PETITION. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for building a sidewalk in front of the South Congregational Church and improving the Town's property adjacent thereto, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 44. ON PETITION. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for construction of sidewalk on Plain Street from Washington Street to Grove Street, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 45. ON PETITION. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for construction of sidewalk on Grove Street from Plain Street to Weymouth Town Line, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 46. ON PETITION. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for construction of sidewalk on Pond Street from the Colbert School to the Randolph-Braintree Line, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$3,556.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of a suitable sidewalk from the Colbert School to the Randolph Line on the east side of Pond Street in South Brain-

tree; said sum to be expended only if the Selectmen in their order for said construction provide for the assessment of 50% of the cost thereof upon the abutting estates.

Article 47. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to add to funds appropriated under Article 68 at the 1946 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of completing the construction of a bulkhead and public landing on the North side of Weymouth Fore River, for approximately 287' easterly from the Quincy Avenue Bridge.

Voted: That, in addition to funds appropriated under Article 68 of the Warrant for the 1946 Annual Town Meeting, there be appropriated the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of completing construction of the Bulkhead and public landing on the north side of Weymouth Fore River for approximately 287 feet easterly from the Quincy Avenue Bridge, said sum to be raised by transfer from Sale of Real Estate Funds and to be expended (together with the carry-over balance of the 1946 appropriation) under direction of a committee consisting of Harry Sears, John Goodhue, John C. Wilder, Warren B. Nott, Justin E. Wright, John E. McLeod and Seward Taber, said committee to select its own chairman, and all vacancies occurring on the committee to be filled by the Moderator.

Voted as an amendment that the following words be added: "Whoever receives the contract for the construction of the new bulkhead, be bonded".

Voted: That the matter of the contract dated August 16, 1946, between the Town and John Kitson, covering the construction of a bulkhead on the north side of Weymouth Fore Rivre, be referred to the Town Counsel for full investigation of the question as to whether it was properly performed by the contractor, and that the Town Counsel be instructed to take such legal action on behalf of the Town in connection with said contract and its performance by the contractor, as the Town Counsel deems for the best interests of the Town.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of chlorinating that portion of Sunset Lake comprising the bathing area between June 1, 1947 and September 15, 1947, and designate the Department which shall be responsible for the expenditure of such appropriation, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$1,400.00 for the purpose of chlorinating that portion of Sunset Lake comprising the bathing area between June 1, 1947, and September 15, 1947, the same to be expended under the direction of the Water Commissioners.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars \$(300.00) for Memorial Day observance expenses of the Braintree Post, V.F.W., No. 1702, or take any action relative thereto.—No action necessary.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for Memorial Day observance expenses of the Braintree Post, No. 86, American Legion, or take any action relative thereto.—No action necessary.

Article 51. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the purpose of creating a stabilization fund under the authority of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Voted unanimously: That there be appropriated the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of creating a Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, the same to be raised by transfer from available funds in the treasury.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to use all or part of the Postwar Rehabilitation Fund established under the authority of Section 1 of Chapter 5, of the Acts of 1943 to meet appropriations voted under any of the articles of this warrant for any purpose permitted by said Chapter 5.—Voted no action.

Article 53. To see what distribution the Town will vote to make of the income of the Thayer Fund.—No action necessary.

Article 54. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to meet the payment of certain bills contracted prior to January 1, 1947, or take any action relative thereto.—Voted \$1,479.11.

Article 55. To determine what amount, if any, of the balance in the Electric Light Operation account at the close of the year 1946 or what amount in the Construction account if the operation balance has been closed, shall be paid into the general funds of the Town, and what disposition shall be made of the amount so paid.

Voted: To transfer \$50,000.00 from the Construction Account of the Municipal Light Plant for use of the School Department. (See Article 7—Item 37.)

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use any sum or sums of money from Free Cash toward reduction of the 1947 Tax Rate.—Voted \$100,000.00.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate money for the purpose of providing housing for Veterans of World War II, as authorized by Chapter 372, Public Laws of 1946, or more specifically for the purpose of doing any one or more of the following:

- (1) Establishing an information center to assist veterans to find sale or rental housing.
- (2) Making investigations and surveys relating to the housing supply and needs.
- (3) Acquiring buildings or portions thereof by gift, purchase, lease or otherwise and altering, reconstructing, repairing or remodeling such buildings or portions thereof into dwelling units for rental to veterans.
- (4) Acquiring land by purchase, lease or otherwise and constructing housing thereon for sale or rent to veterans or developing such land and selling it in whole or in part to veterans for the purpose of constructing housing thereon or to corporations or individuals for the purpose of constructing housing for sale or rent to veterans.—Voted no action.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to choose a committee to make a survey of and examine into so much of its existing By-Laws as deals with zoning, so-called, and make available for the expenses of such Committee the amount heretofore appropriated under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for 1946.

Voted: That the present Committee present its report to the Planning Board on or before January 1, 1948, and the amount here-

tofore appropriated under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for 1946, be made available for the expenses of said Committee.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to review the boundaries of the precincts in the Town with a view to revising same in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1937, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to review the boundaries of the precincts in the Town with a view to revising same in whole or in part, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1937.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 4B of Chapter 136 of the General Laws as inserted by Section 3 of Chapter 207 of the Acts of 1946 which provides in substance that upon its acceptance the Selectmen may grant licenses for the operation of bowling alleys on the Lords' Day between the hours of 1 and 11 P.M.—So Voted.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint an Airport Commission of five persons in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—So Voted.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to authorize, empower and direct the Selectmen to secure from the Federal Works Agency or appropriate agency of the Federal Government the necessary monies for the development of working plans and specifications for the proposed construction of a Braintree Municipal Airport.

Voted: That the Town authorize, empower and direct the Selectmen to secure from the Federal Works Agency, or appropriate agency of the Federal Government, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the development of working plans and specifications for the proposed construction of a Braintree Municipal Airport.

Article 63. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to represent the Town in any alteration proceeding concerning the relocation of the Grade Crossing on Grove Street and to enter into such agreement as may, in their opinion, be reasonably necessary with respect to such proceeding.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to represent the Town in any proceedings concerning the relocation of the Grade Crossing on Grove Street and to authorize the Chairman of said Selectmen to sign an agreement with respect to such alteration in accordance with the provisions of Section 80 of Chapter 159 of the General Laws as most recently amended by Section 2 of Chapter 357 of the Acts of 1934.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of Selectmen from three to five, or take any action relative thereto.—No action.

Article 65. To see what sums of money, in addition to that appropriated under any other article, the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Land Damages.—Voted no action.

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$1,466,785.83
Appropriations not in tax levy	305,593.56
Total appropriations	\$1,722,379.39

# *Special Town Meeting*

September 8, 1947

Article 1. To hear and act upon the report of the several boards of Town Officers, and committees, and choose any committee the Town may think proper.

Voted: That this article be taken up in conjunction with all other articles.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to purchase, lease, acquire by gift or by taking by eminent domain buildings on the westerly side of Quincy Avenue now the property of the United States which buildings may be made available at their present location for dwelling units for veterans, as defined in Section 3 of Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, together with the land and appurtenances thereto belonging and raise, appropriate and expend a sum or sums of money therefor and for the altering, reconstructing, rehabilitating and remodelling of said buildings so as to provide the greatest number of suitable dwelling units reasonably possible and renting such dwelling units at reasonable rates and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all, or any part of said sums, in accordance with the provisions of any general or special acts authorizing the Town to borrow for said purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and expend for the purpose of providing shelter for veterans, as defined in Section 3 of Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, who are inhabitants thereof in accordance with any or all of the provisions of Section 6 of said Chapter 372, as amended, or take such other action relative thereto under any provision of said chapter as is suitable or necessary and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all, or any part of said sums, in accordance with the provisions of any general or special acts authorizing the Town to borrow for said purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That a Committee be appointed under Article 1 to investigate the Veterans' Housing Situation and report at a Town Meeting not later than the next Annual Town Meeting, said Committee to consist of: Ernest J. Janssen, Jonathan W. French, William B. Taylor, William G. Brooks and Carroll A. Welch, with the Chairman to be elected by the Committee.

Article 4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the laying out and construction of ways and the laying of water mains in and through a tract of land in the vicinity of Blanchard Boulevard or take any action relative thereto.—Voted no action.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell the land known as "Lot 893, Reservoir Avenue, Revere, Massachusetts" which is owned by the James W. Colbert Library Construction Fund.—So voted.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the School Funds or any other appropriate agency of the Town to sell at private sale the land on each side of Granite Avenue and on Town Street or any and all parts thereof, which land was acquired by devise under the will of the late Nathaniel Thayer.

Voted: To authorize the Trustees of the School Funds to sell at private sale the land on each side of Granite Street and on Town Street and any and all parts thereof, which land was acquired by devise under the will of the late Nathaniel Thayer and to authorize said trustees to petition the Courts for any further authority so to do in addition to the authority vested in them as a corporation and the authority given them by virtue of this vote.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Vernon Street, so-called; as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That Vernon Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen, be accepted as and for a Town Way, that the sum of \$752.00 be appropriated for the improvement of the same, said sum to be raised by transfer from available funds in the Treasury; and that betterments be assessed to the extent of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the cost of said improvement.

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase or taking by eminent domain for highway purposes of the land necessary for the construction of a road to be an extension of Storrs Avenue in a Westerly direction to Walnut Street or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$100,00 be appropriated for the taking by eminent domain of the following described land necessary for the construction of a road to be an extension of Storrs Avenue in a Westerly direction to Storrs Avenue Extension, so-called: Easterly by Storrs Avenue, forty feet; Northerly by land of John Naples, about one hundred feet; Westerly by Storrs Avenue Extension, so-called, forty feet; Southerly by land of John Naples, about one hundred feet. Containing about 4,000 square feet of land, owned by John Naples.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the fund appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of 1947 for Old Age Assistance the sum of \$3500.00 to Aid to Dependent Children and the sum of \$1500.00 to the temporary aid in the Welfare Department, or take any action relative to transfer of Public Welfare or Old Age Assistance funds within said department.—So voted.

## *Special Town Meeting*

December 29, 1947

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an addition to the high school, and for the purpose of constructing an annex to said school at the present location thereof and for originally equipping and furnishing said addition and annex, or for any one or more of the above purposes; determine whether the money shall be provided for by borrowing, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, by appropriation from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund, and/or from the Stabilization Fund; or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$770,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing an addition to the High School and for the purpose of constructing an annex to said school at the present location thereof and for the originally equipping and furnishing said addition and annex, and to meet the said appropriation that the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the Treasury and

the sum of \$100,000.00 be appropriated from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$660,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than 20 years from the date of issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine, and that the Committee, appointed pursuant to vote under Article 28 of the Warrant for the 1946 Annual Town Meeting, be and hereby is authorized to act for and in behalf of the Town with full power to employ architects, secure bids and let contracts in the name of the Town and to do all and any acts necessary to construct and equip said addition and said annex within the aforesaid appropriation.

Article 1A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of remodelling or reconstructing the high school building; determine how the money shall be provided for, by borrowing, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, by appropriation from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund, and/or from the Stabilization Fund; or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$200,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of remodelling or reconstructing the High School Building, and to meet the said appropriation that the sum of \$30,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the Treasury, that the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated from Post-War Rehabilitation Funds and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$160,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than 10 years from date of issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine, and that the Committee, appointed pursuant to vote under Article 28 of the Warrant for the 1946 Annual Town Meeting, be and hereby is authorized to act for and in behalf of the Town with full power to employ architects, secure bids, and let contracts in the name of the Town and to do all and any acts necessary to remodel or reconstruct said building within the aforesaid appropriation.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to establish and maintain State-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, General Laws, and Acts amendatory thereto, or dependent thereon, and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000 therefor, for expenditure during 1948.

Voted: That the Town authorize the School Committee to establish and maintain State-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, General Laws, and Acts amendatory thereto, or dependent thereon, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 therefor for expenditure during 1948, the same to be raised from available funds in the Treasury.

Article 3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for an elementary school lunch program; such sums to be expended during 1948 and under the jurisdiction of the School Committee.

Voted: That there be appropriated for an elementary school lunch program the sum of \$50,000.00, said sum to be expended during 1948 and under the jurisdiction of the School Committee.

Article 4. To see if the Town will transfer within the School Department from the funds heretofore appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of this year under Article 7, Item 37, for Salaries the following sums to the following items:

\$15,000.00 To a Special Appropriation for School Lighting.  
3,500.00 To books and supplies.  
7,000.00 To other expenses

or take any other action relative to the transfer of funds within said department.

Voted: To transfer from the amount appropriated for School Department Salaries at the Annual Town Meeting of 1947 the sum of \$15,000.00 to the School Department—Special appropriation for School Lighting Account, \$3,500.00 to School Department—Books and Supplies Account, and \$7,000.00 to School Department—Other Expenses Account.

*Report of  
Board of Selectmen*

ALBERT E. ROBERTS, *Chairman*

JOHN W. MAHAR, *Clerk*

RAYMOND P. PALMER

	1947	1947
No. of employees: 1	Appropriation	Expenditures
Expenses	1,000.00	981.82
Salaries	\$3,902.00	\$3,902.00

The year 1947 brought us problems which were the result of the social and economic conditions caused by the readjustment of the country from a war to a peace basis and necessitated the calling of two special town meetings.

*Special Town Meetings*

One of the most critical problems was the shortage of homes. In spite of our Union Village project housing 96 veterans' families, many veterans are still unable to find suitable homes. They requested the selectmen to call a special town meeting in June to see what action the town would take to assist in housing veterans under provisions of recent acts of the Legislature. As a result of the special town meeting in June a committee was appointed to study the matter and report its findings to the town.

Another special town meeting was called the last of December to take action on the report of the Committee for the High School Addition. This was a problem that had become acute after being with us for many years. With some assurance that materials could now be obtained and that money could be borrowed at a low rate of interest, the town voted to proceed with the construction of a million dollar addition to the High School. The cost of this project will be reflected in our tax rate for the next twenty years.

Increased costs for the School Department supplies and expenses and for certain categories of public welfare

caused by mandatory increases in budgets would have made it most difficult to have kept these expenditures within the limits of the appropriations had it not been possible to transfer unexpended balances from one account to another in both School and Welfare Departments. The special town meeting gave us this opportunity.

### *New Voting Place*

In accordance with the vote of the 1947 Annual Town Meeting, the selectmen have created an additional voting place in Precinct I. This will be in the branch library in the Highlands and should be a great convenience to the people of that district.

### *Safety*

We have been glad to cooperate with the Braintree Chamber of Commerce in a continual drive for safety on our highways. Both the Police and Highways Departments have contributed much to this project. We have had warning signs erected at the main entrances to the town, many street crossings painted, maintained parallel parking in the three business districts and continued the excellent work of the safety patrols and safety education at the schools. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to note that all of these efforts together with the careful driving of our citizens has brought about a decrease in our compulsory automobile liability insurance rates at a time when all but two other communities in the state had their rates increased.

### *Highways*

The report of the Superintendent of Streets will give further details about highway work during the year. We want to mention here the completion of the widening of the intersection of Common Street and Washington Street, and the improvement of North Bowditch St. Also, at our request, the County Commissioners have made a new layout for the improvement of Middle Street from Union to Liberty and Liberty Street from Middle to Wildwood.

Owing to the strenuous objection by the abutters to the proposed betterment assessment for the construction of the sidewalk on Pond Street, we did not proceed with this work this year but have carried forward the appropriation pending further instructions from the town or agreement with the abutters.

#### *Billboards*

We have successfully opposed the erection of two proposed large billboards near Capen's Bridge.

#### *Town Hall*

Minor repairs have been made on the Town Hall and a much needed rest room for women employees has been established. Additional repairs to the Town Hall are urgently needed and should be provided for during 1948.

#### *American Legion Building*

The American Legion Building has been painted outside.

#### *Sale Of Tax Title Property*

We have sold at public auction tax title property for \$2,925.00. This cost the town \$1,117.10 thus producing a profit of \$1,807.90 and placing this property back on a tax paying basis. We welcome inquiries from those seeking to buy this type of property.

#### *Cooperation With Weymouth*

The selectmen have met with the Weymouth selectmen on the problems of parking in the East Braintree-Weymouth business district and in connection with the problem of bus transportation between the two towns.

#### *Massachusetts Selectmen's Association*

We have attended meetings of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and through them have sponsored legislation of interest to the town. This association has honored Braintree by appointing our town counsel, Jonathan W. French, as their Legislative Counsel.

Reports of the following departments under the jurisdiction of the selectmen may be considered as extensions of this report: Highway, Fire, Police, Veterans' Services, Union Village, Town Accountant, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Engineering, Building Inspector, Moth Department.

### *Recommendations*

Highway Department Garage should be built from plans and specifications already prepared and paid for.

New equipment for the Highway Department should be purchased each year to maintain efficiency and avoid expensive rental costs.

Unaccepted streets should be built and accepted under the Betterment Act as fast as possible.

No builder should develop property in the town until his layout has been approved by the Board of Survey and until he has filed a satisfactory bond covering the construction of any streets.

The town should purchase land now being used for the town dump.

The town should appropriate some money for sidewalk construction each year.

Additional funds should be appropriated to enable us to go ahead with an earlier vote and appropriation to construct toilet facilities at Sunset Lake.

Hayward Street should be widened and resurfaced from North Bowditch Street to Quincy Avenue and Elm Street from St. Thomas More Church to the Fire Station.

The position of Building Inspector should be made a full time job.

*Report of*  
*Board of Public Welfare*

JOHN W. MAHAR, *Chairman*

ALBERT E. ROBERTS, *Clerk*

RAYMOND P. PALMER

H. J. GAFFNEY, *Agent*

*Number of Employees*

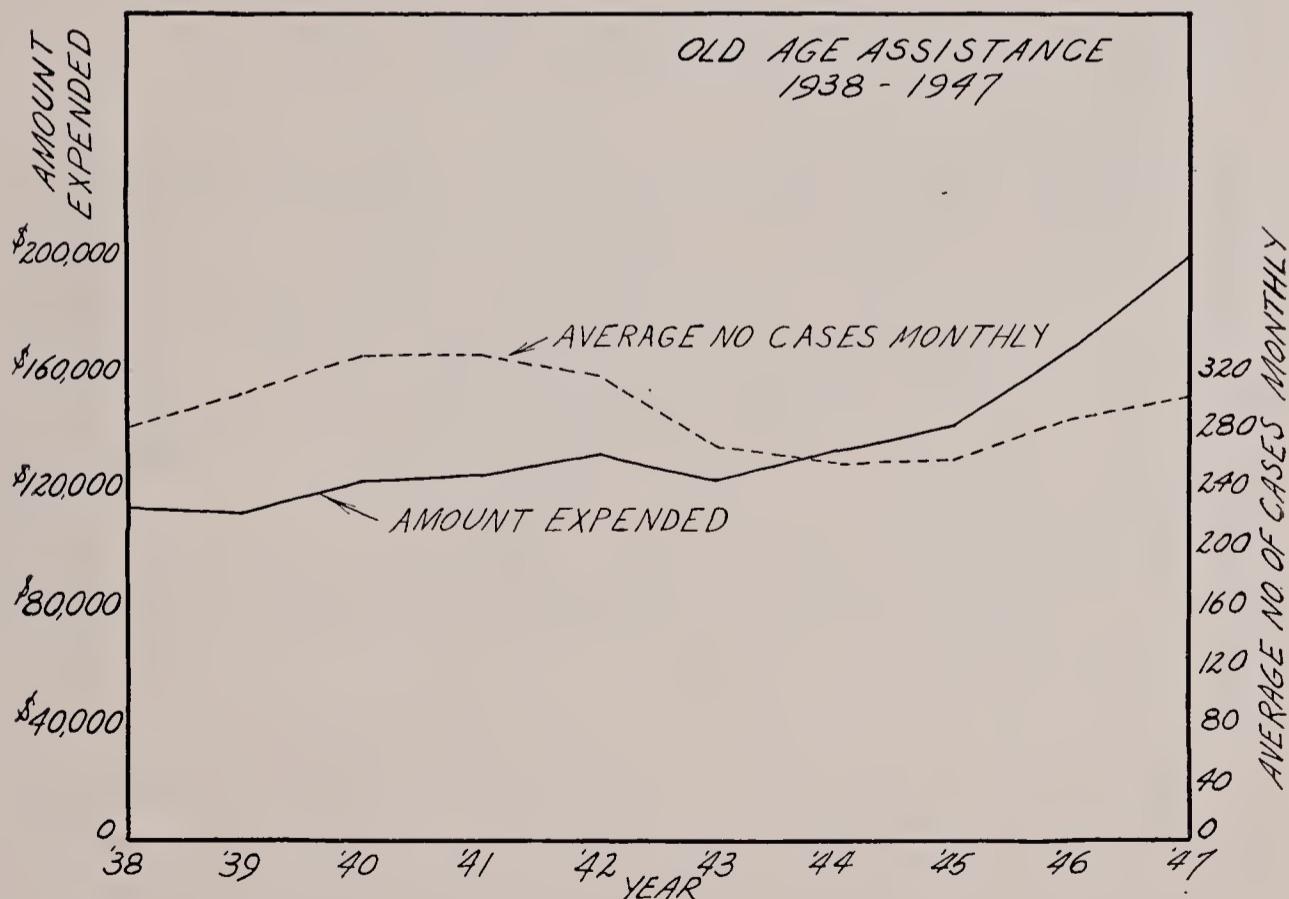
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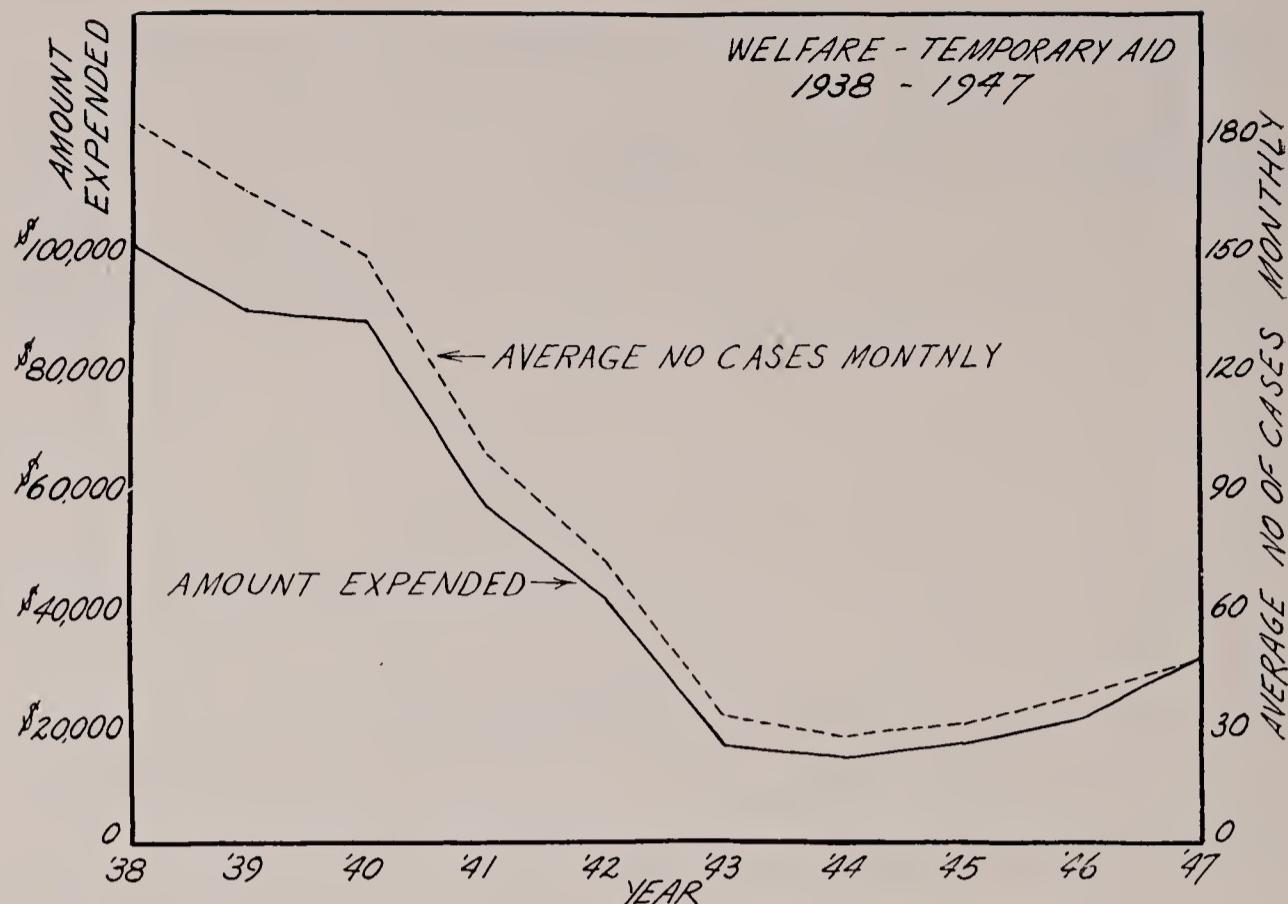
Town Infirmary 2

*Total Expenditures*

For Assistance \$261,334.63—For Expenses \$16,768.76

Three categories of relief are administered by this department as follows: Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief including the Town Infirmary. Our social workers visit Old Age Assistance and General Relief cases every six months and Aid to Dependent Children cases every three months.





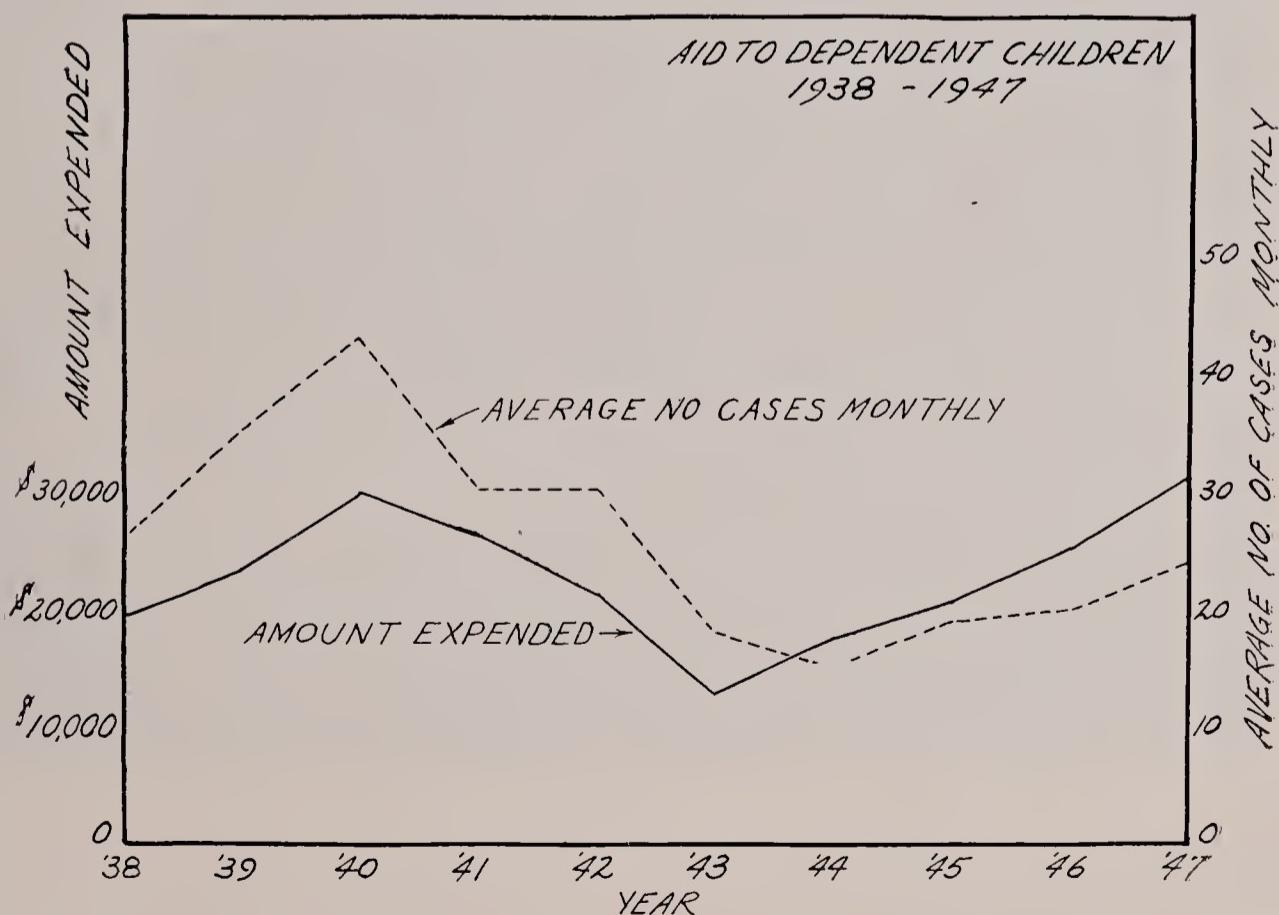
The town is assisted by the State and the Federal Government in meeting the cost of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children and we have to comply with their requirements. General relief is given on a temporary basis in accordance with need, the entire cost of Braintree settled cases being borne by the town.

Effective September 1, 1947, the State Department of Public Welfare ordered a mandatory increase in Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children to meet the increased costs of living. This budget is also used as the basis of our General Relief budget. Therefore a considerable increase in the cost of all categories of relief has taken place this year. The average cost per case on Old Age Assistance is now \$54.40 per month as compared with \$50.00 a year ago. Hospital rates and medical bills have also been increased.

During the year 1947 our case load did not increase as much as we expected. This enabled us to avoid requesting more money to meet the mandatory budget increases.

A small transfer was made from the Reserve Fund to the Infirmary Account to meet the increased cost of food. Detailed reports of expenditures and receipts by this department will be found in the report of the Town Accountant. The adjoining charts will show the trends in case load and expenditures since 1938.

	Number of Cases	
	Dec., 1946	Dec., 1947
Old Age Assistance	294	304
Aid to Dependent Children	20	26
General Relief (not including Braintree settled cases aided in other cities and towns)	45	50
Inmates in Town Infirmary	10	10



*Report of*

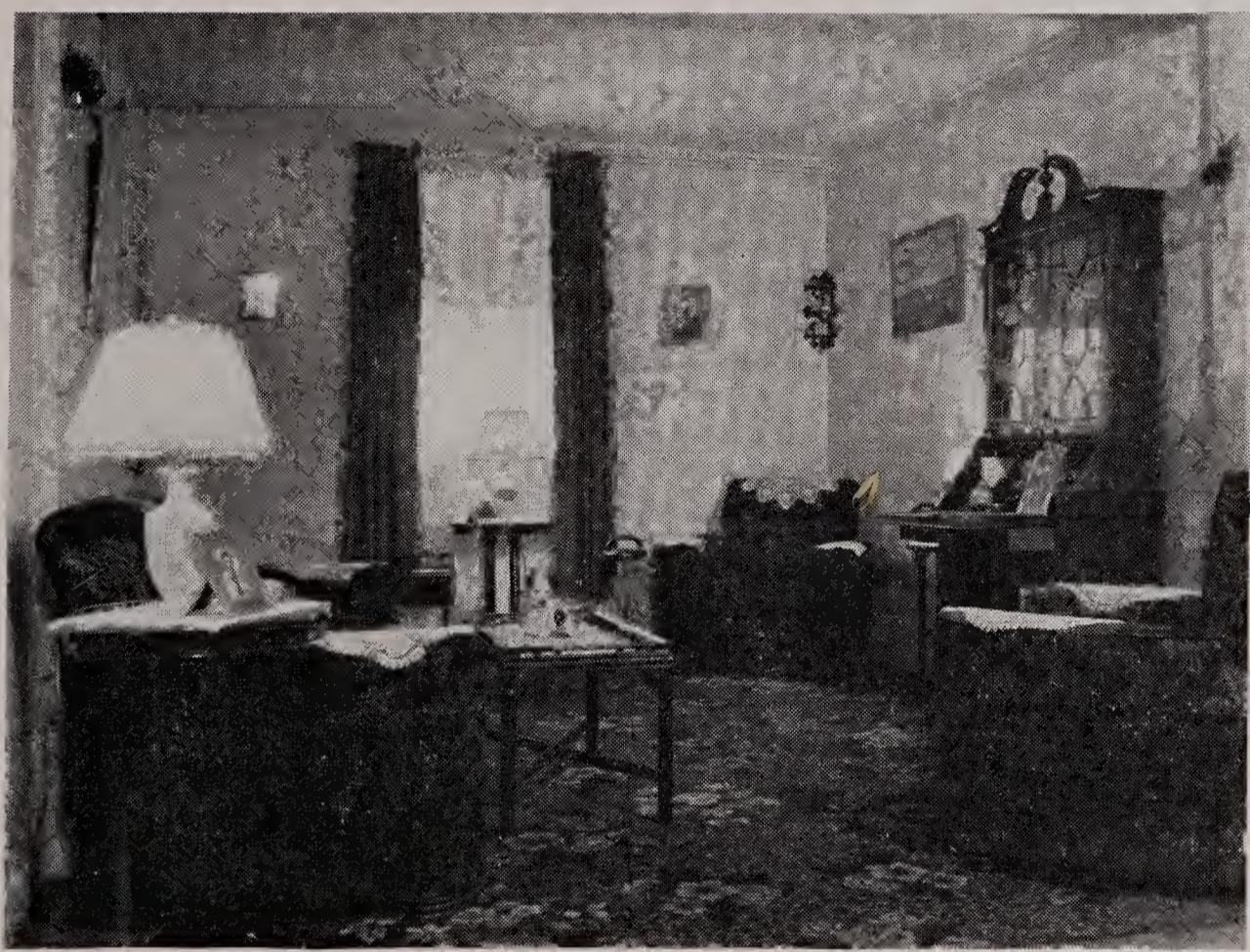
## *Union Village Veterans' Housing Project*

GEORGE A. SHORTLE, *Manager*

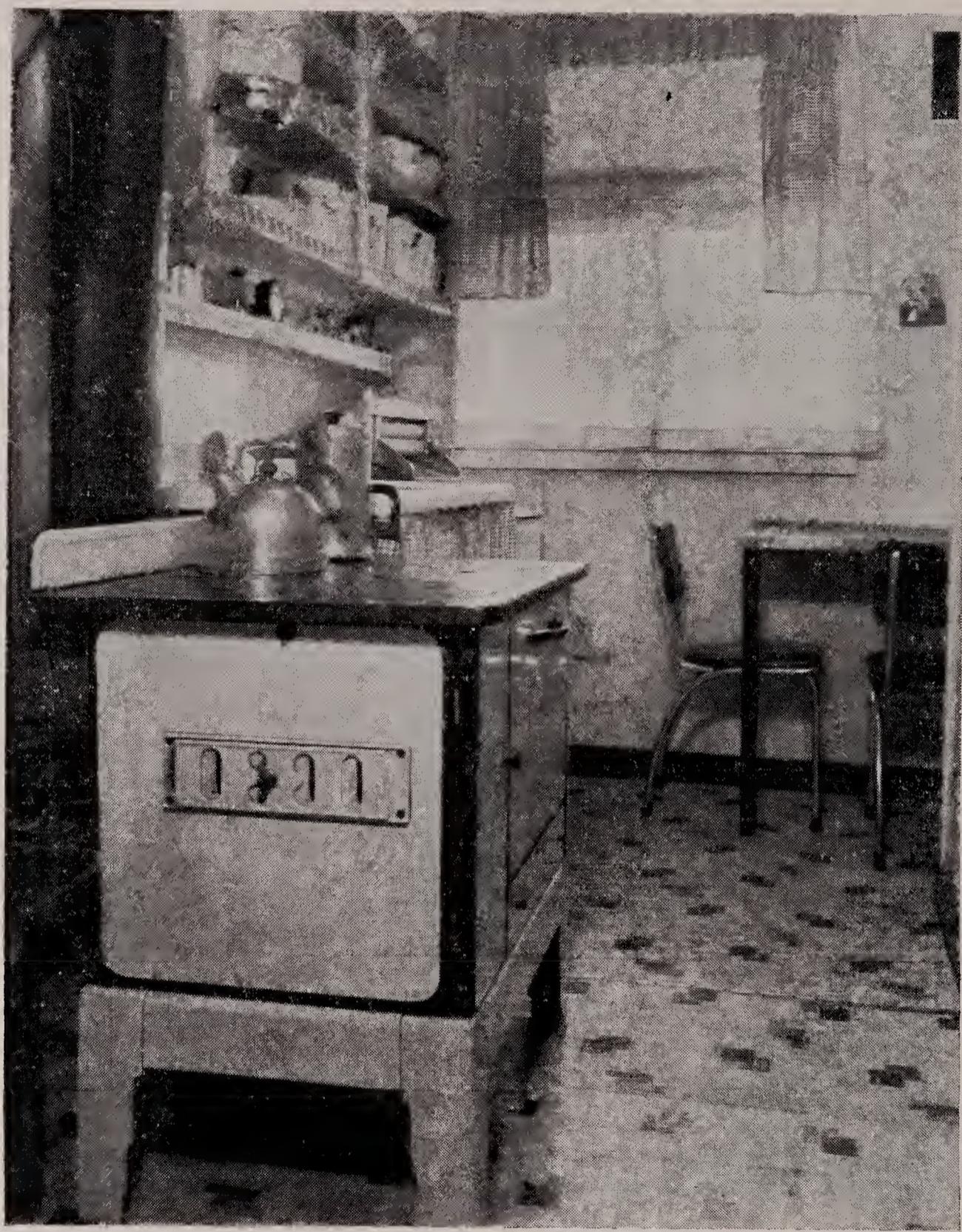
The Union Village Housing Project was completed and ready for occupancy in October, 1946 under a 5 year plan for temporary veterans housing. The project is located on town property at the Infirmary site and constitutes 12 frame buildings with 8 apartments of 4 rooms in each building. A total of 96 families occupy these apartments. While the construction of these temporary quarters has alleviated to some extent the housing shortage, it is still inadequate and we have a substantial waiting list with only an occasional vacancy.



*Bedroom, Union Village Apartment*



*Living Room, Union Village Apartment*



*Kitchen, Union Village Apartment*

*Report of*

## *Department of Veterans' Services*

GEORGE A. SHORTLE, *Director*

	Appropriated Amount	Expended Amount	Unexpended Amount
Veterans' Benefits Expenses (Including photostat)	\$30,000.00	\$22,800.00	\$7,200.00
Estimated Refund from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	600.00	598.36	1.64
			\$10,000.00

The year 1947 marked no appreciable change in the operation of the department. The overall cases compare favorably with 1946, there being an average of approximately 50 cases each month on direct aid. Under the Veterans' Benefits Act, dependent parents may apply for benefits and during the past year the department has added to the rolls a considerable number of this class of recipient who have reached the age of 65 years. In addition to aid granted the department has serviced hundreds of veterans on photostatic service, pension claims, bonus applications and insurance problems.

Every type of service including free photostating, notarizations, and sundry matters are available to the veteran.

*Report of  
Town Accountant*

R. W. MAGLATHLIN, *Town Accountant*

	Number of Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1947	2	\$5,247.00	\$5,237.45
1946	2	\$4,843.75	\$4,793.09

The Town Accountant is charged with the duty of keeping the financial books of the town, in which are recorded the Receipts and Disbursements resulting from the financial transactions of the Town.

The books at all times are available for inspection and reveal at any time the exact condition of the Town's finances.

The clerk, in addition to assisting the Accountant, has charge of all records, etc., pertaining to the Contributory Retirement System.

**RECEIPTS**

**GENERAL REVENUE**

Taxes:

1946 Levy		
Real Estate .....	\$75,851.89	
Personal .....	911.90	
Poll .....	58.00	\$76,821.79

Current Year 1947

Real Estate .....	1,002,868.61	
Personal .....	37,920.09	
Poll .....	9,204.00	1,049,992.70

Tax Title Redemptions

Tax Titles .....	1,392.17
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From State:

Income Tax .....	135,225.77
Corporation Tax .....	89,184.44
Meal Tax .....	5,388.29
	229,798.50

Licenses and Permits:

Sale of Property .....	285.00
Auto Dealers .....	162.50
Junk Dealers .....	250.00
Music Box .....	75.00
Common Victuallers .....	190.00
Auctioneers' Fees .....	60.00

Auctioneers' Licenses .....	4.00
Advertising Liquor Licenses .....	140.00
Liquor Licenses .....	5,758.00
Hawkers and Pedlers .....	35.00
Sunday .....	306.00
Pool and Bowling .....	23.00
Revolver .....	69.00
Pinball Machines .....	700.00
Draft Board Room Rent .....	36.00
Town Hall Rent .....	245.00
All Others .....	29.50
	8,368.00
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Court Fines .....	510.18
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Grants and Gifts:	
Dog Licenses .....	2,026.30
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Federal Grants:	
A. D. C. "118" .....	7,408.01
A. D. C. "118" Admr. ....	777.43
Old Age Assistance .....	81,620.70
Old Age Assistance Admr. ....	3,898.46
	93,704.60
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Highway Fund .....	21,005.26
Chapter 90 State .....	9,075.50
Chapter 90 County .....	2,000.00
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From Trust Funds:	
Playgrounds—Hollis Fund .....	500.00
Library—Thayer Fund .....	315.00
	815.00
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Electric Light Dept. to Schools.....	50,000.00
Plans for High School (U. S. A.)....	5,750.00
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Special Assessments:	
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Sewer:	
Apportioned:	
1947 .....	5,550.67
1946 .....	824.93
	6,375.61
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Betterments Paid in Advance .....	765.00
Unapportioned .....	3,898.33
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Sewer House Connections:	
Apportioned:	
1947 .....	3,441.89
1946 .....	287.38
	3,729.27
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Betterments Paid in Advance .....	597.00
Unapportioned:	
1947 .....	8,081.34
1946 .....	1,114.38
	9,195.72
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Streets:	
Apportioned .....	397.55
Betterments Paid in Advance .....	542.00
Unapportioned:	
1947 .....	1,033.07
1946 .....	1,373.14
	2,406.21
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Water Liens .....	70.76

Excise Tax			
1947 .....	45,394.61		
1946 .....	1,420.59		
		49,815.20	

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Collector .....	\$428.00	
Taxes Collected, Previously Abated .....	4.35	\$432.35
Dog Licenses .....		2,290.60

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Ambulance Receipts .....	\$692.00	
Police .....	21.00	
Fire .....	38.83	
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	355.92	
Inspection of Buildings .....	1,346.50	
Moth Receipts .....	321.10	

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

##### Health:

Accounts Receivables .....	\$1,657.93	
Slaughtering Inspector .....	104.50	
Dental Clinic .....	656.25	
Permits .....	1,318.00	3,736.68

Sewer .....	210.83	
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#### HIGHWAYS

Quincy Avenue Bridge .....	\$52.54	
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#### CHARITIES AND VETERANS' SERVICES

Welfare Accounts Receivables .....	8,922.78	
A.D.C. "118" Accounts Receivables ....	9,358.88	
O.A.A. Accounts Receivables .....	81,493.63	
Infirmary .....	487.60	
Veterans' Services, State Aid & War Allowance .....	549.50	

#### SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

##### Schools:

Tuition .....	\$1,522.82	
All Other .....	2,337.79	3,860.61

Libraries Fines and Sales .....	1,307.19	
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#### UNCLASSIFIED

Reserve for Fire Loss .....	\$202.80	
Union Village Housing, In Lieu of Taxes .....	2,271.36	
Land, Sand Bin & Storage Area .....	68.00	
Agency Account .....	20.00	
Insurance Refunds .....	149.19	
Reserve for Withholding Taxes .....	98,903.32	
Reserve for War Bonds .....	2,215.81	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions .....	2,925.00	
Sale of Town Owned Land .....	450.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	215.20	107,420.68

Union Village Housing Project:	
Rentals .....	41,963.01
Deposits .....	1,170.00
Ground Rent Reserve .....	1,440.00
	44,573.01

#### ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Water Department—Income .....	\$151,797.99
Electric Light—Income .....	579,926.83
Electric Light Depreciation:	
Fund from Electric Light Dept. ....	\$56,824.13
Income from Investments .....	482.46
	57,306.59

#### Cemeteries:

Burials .....	194.00
Sale of Lots .....	70.00
Dyer Hill .....	50.00
	314.00

#### INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:	
Taxes .....	\$1,965.25
Excise .....	13.05
Tax Titles .....	154.34
	2,132.64

#### Special Assessment:

Committed:	
1947 .....	\$1,988.97
1946 .....	244.16
	2,233.13
Not Committed .....	16.97
From Water Department.....	2,962.50
Debt:	
Water Department for Payment ....	22,533.90
Anticipation of Revenue .....	300,000.00
	322,533.90

#### TRUST FUND INCOME

Charles Thayer Fund .....	\$106.50
George Kelley Fund .....	8.06
Ann Penniman Fund .....	15.15
Hannah Hollis Fund .....	4.08
N. H. Hunt Fund .....	491.58
Avis Thayer Fund .....	12.00
Charles E. French Fund .....	48.62
	685.99

#### REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:	
Collector's Expense .....	\$1.30
Election Officials and Janitors .....	5.00
Police Uniforms .....	16.00
Diphtheria Clinic .....	26.21
Sewer House Connections .....	110.81
Sewer Construction 1946 .....	392.20
Sewer Construction 1947 .....	1,125.26
Highway General Maintenance .....	184.71
Welfare Temporary Aid .....	194.52
A. D. C. "118" Federal Grant .....	40.66
O. A. A. Federal Grant .....	1,536.97

Infirmary Expenses .....	281.88
Veterans' Services Aid .....	401.56
Schools Text Books & Supplies .....	44.15
Schools All Other Expenses .....	705.40

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Transfers from Reserve Fund:

Collector Extra Clerical .....	\$100.00
Assessors Cities Service Appraisal..	5,000.00
Land Damages .....	847.00
Fire and Police Station Maint. ....	312.52
Fire and Police Station Fuel .....	144.81
Police Expense .....	360.80
Police Pensions—Non-Contributory ..	231.30
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses.	75.00
Removing Poplar Tree—Morrison Rd.	125.00
Trimming Oak Tree—Cleveland Ave.	30.00
Health Diphtheria Clinic .....	50.00
Health Plumbing Inspection .....	400.00
Highway 1946 New Equipment .....	1,232.35
Dump Maintenance .....	250.00
Infirmary Expenses .....	250.00
Schools Books and Supplies .....	3,000.00
Schools All Other Expenses .....	1,500.00
Park & Playground Repair Diamond.	125.00
Construction Back Stop .....	35.00
Chlorination Sunset Lake .....	200.00

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Cash Balance December 31, 1946

General Cash .....	\$430,641.25
Water .....	97,754.66
Electric Light .....	138,604.69
Electric Light Depreciation .....	391,348.68

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	1,058,349.28
	\$4,091,119.91

## EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative:

Moderator .....	\$25.00
Finance Committee	
Cecy. Salary .....	250.00
Expenses .....	849.90

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Selectmen:

Salary of Selectmen .....	2,100.00
Clerk .....	1,802.00

Expenses:

Office Supplies, Postage .....	321.63
Printing and Advertising .....	26.04
Telephone .....	163.51
Mileage Expense .....	34.00
Extra Clerical .....	143.63
Repairs .....	162.80
Medical Fees .....	30.00
Association Dues .....	87.00
All Other .....	13.21

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Accounting:		
Salary Accountant .....	3,100.00	
Clerk .....	1,802.00	
New Adding Machine .....	145.00	
Expenses:		
Office Expense, Postage .....	127.01	
Telephone .....	38.12	
All Other .....	25.32	190.45
Treasurer:		
Salary .....	3,300.00	
Clerks .....	3,604.00	
Expenses:		
Confirming Tax Titles .....	211.70	
Office Expense, Postage .....	802.85	
Telephone .....	77.11	
Surety Bonds .....	291.00	
Extra Clerical .....	56.00	
Insurance .....	249.08	
All Other .....	47.19	1,734.93
Collector:		
Salary .....	2,800.00	
Deputy .....	1,431.00	
Extra Clerical .....	590.53	
Expenses:		
Recording .....	18.21	
Office Expenses, Postage .....	921.09	
Advertising .....	83.13	
Telephone .....	93.87	
Surety Bonds .....	387.25	
Printing .....	390.62	
Mileage and Expenses .....	181.60	
Insurance .....	99.12	
All Other .....	44.24	2,219.13
Assessors:		
Salary Assessors .....	3,400.00	
Clerks .....	5,724.00	
Appraisal Cities Service .....	5,000.00	
Expenses:		
Machine Maintenance .....	68.62	
Binding .....	82.88	
Office Expense, Postage .....	605.77	
Printing and Advertising .....	78.00	
School of Instruction .....	220.24	
Telephone .....	85.31	
Abstract of Deeds .....	757.80	
Extra Clerical .....	45.00	
Mileage .....	225.00	
Deputy Assessor .....	135.00	
All Other .....	41.11	2,344.72
Law:		
Salary Town Counsel .....	2,350.00	
Expenses:		
Clerical .....	52.00	
Laws .....	60.50	
Assoc. Dues and Subscription .....	87.00	

Tel., Stationery, Adv. ....	70.58
Trans. and Meeting Expenses ....	34.70
Deed Exams. and Land Court Fees	113.99
	418.77
Settlement of Suits .....	2,152.63
Land Damages .....	2,550.00
Town Clerk:	
Salary .....	2,600.00
Clerk .....	1,802.00
Expenses:	
Office Expenses, Postage .....	208.58
Printing and Advertising .....	336.00
Telephone .....	43.62
Surety Bonds .....	15.00
Extra Clerical .....	115.00
All Other .....	8.80
	727.00
Registration:	
Registrars .....	300.00
Listing .....	1,000.00
Clerical .....	840.00
Expenses:	
Office Expense .....	131.80
Printing and Advertising .....	507.36
Meals .....	4.46
	643.62
Election:	
Officials and Janitors .....	760.00
Expenses:	
Setting up Booths and Lights .....	81.00
Meals .....	160.00
	241.00
Engineering:	
Engineer .....	3,200.00
Transit Man .....	2,438.00
Rod Man .....	1,961.00
Clerk .....	1,802.00
Expenses:	
Office Expenses .....	168.77
Telephone .....	65.96
Blueprints & Maps .....	48.65
Auto Expenses .....	130.12
Supplies .....	235.83
	649.33
Town Hall Maintenance:	
Janitors .....	3,869.00
Maintenance:	
Gas .....	23.33
Fuel .....	559.50
Lights .....	237.90
Janitors Supplies .....	290.62
Repairs .....	930.39
Water .....	53.67
Water Cooler .....	66.00
All Other .....	38.59
	2,200.00

Fire & Police Station:	
Fuel .....	1,644.81
Maintenance:	
Gas .....	160.84
Lights .....	429.42
Janitors Supplies .....	352.23
Repairs .....	297.85
Water .....	72.18
	1,312.52

Retirement System	
Transferred to System .....	18,010.32
Planning Board .....	41.20

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:	
Chief's Salary .....	3,600.00
Deputy Chief .....	3,350.00
3 Sergeants .....	8,551.52
17 Patrolman .....	44,594.13
1 Patrolman .....	2,541.67
3 Patrolmen .....	7,233.32
Janitor .....	1,961.00
Clerk .....	840.00
School Duty .....	1,180.49
Sunset Lake .....	420.06
Sickness and Vacations .....	2,193.94
Election .....	69.84
Dog Officer .....	300.00
Pensions:	
Chief .....	1,750.00
1st Patrolman .....	1,000.00
2nd Patrolman .....	1,324.43
	4,074.43
Radio Maintenance .....	497.90
Uniforms .....	1,313.51
Photographic Eqpt. .....	389.24
New Eqpt. for Men .....	84.54
Expenses:	
Auto Expenses .....	1,451.75
Gasoline and Oil .....	1,595.69
Matron .....	56.62
Office Expense and Postage .....	125.12
Telephone .....	489.50
Medical .....	61.00
Laundry .....	15.30
All Other .....	90.81
	3,885.79

Fire:	
Chief's Salary .....	3,800.00
1st. Deputy .....	3,350.00
2nd. Deputy .....	3,150.00
Captain .....	3,050.00
4 Lieutenants .....	11,800.00
19 Privates .....	50,329.00
Callmen, Vacations & Sickness .....	4,327.28
New Equipment 1946 .....	4,500.00
Uniforms .....	1,145.45
Hydrant Service .....	12,950.00

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Eqpt. for Men .....	186.13
Repairs & Eqpt. ....	870.39
Auto Repairs & Expenses .....	979.56
Gasoline and Oil .....	722.54
Fuel .....	676.00
Light .....	96.59
Water .....	21.84
Repairs .....	350.50
Furniture and Furnishings .....	136.86
Office Supplies, Postage .....	119.66
Telephone .....	323.13
Janitor Supplies .....	257.90
Medical .....	127.60
All Other .....	214.31
	5,083.01

<b>Fire Alarm:</b>	
Repairman .....	2,800.00
Vacation .....	78.84
Radio Repairs .....	92.20
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Auto Expense .....	229.04
Gas and Oil .....	124.20
All Other .....	1,309.76
	1,663.00

<b>Inspector of Buildings:</b>	
Salary .....	1,200.00
Expenses .....	150.00
Board of Appeals .....	298.02
<b>Sealer of Weights and Measures:</b>	
Salary .....	575.00
Expenses .....	275.00
Town Forest Committee .....	99.93
<b>Tree Warden:</b>	
General Care .....	1,000.00
Poplar-Morrison Road .....	125.00
Trim Oak-Cleveland Ave. ....	30.00
New Trees .....	500.00
Dutch Elm Disease .....	300.00
<b>Trees as Listed:</b>	
17 Boscobel-Maple .....	80.00
Cedar & Elm-Chestnut .....	30.00
150 Elm-Ash & Maple .....	150.00
Dearing-Maple .....	20.00
12 Fountain-Maple .....	50.00
84 Hollis-Maple .....	35.00
Hollis & Cochato Maple .....	85.00
75 Independence-Elm .....	50.00
Storrs Ave.-Maple .....	50.00
1 Monatiquot-Maple .....	35.00
Elm at Fore River R. R.-Elm Butt ..	25.00
Sterling at Williams-Poplar .....	30.00
521 Union-Elm .....	50.00
28 Elmwood-Maple .....	175.00
Highland-5 Poplars .....	15.00
Liberty-Ash Butt, Elm Limb .....	20.00
Liberty-Oak .....	60.00
Myrtle, Myrtle & Middle-Ash, Maple	25.00

River - Elm .....	35.00
River - Elm .....	40.00
37 Arborway - Split Limb .....	25.00
28 Tremont - Elm .....	100.00
76 Tremont - Elm .....	75.00
School St. - Elm .....	50.00
Wash. opp. Sampson - Maple .....	75.00
Union St. - Ash .....	35.00
Union near Cleveland - Willow ....	25.00
Washington & Central - Elm .....	75.00
Wash. at Monatiquot School - Tree .....	25.00
Wash. Dyer Hill Cemetery - Pine..	15.00
	1,560.00

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

##### Board of Health:

Salary Board .....	289.23
Agent .....	2,500.00
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Expenses:	
Office Supplies .....	51.25
Printing and Advertising .....	106.29
Telephone .....	70.19
Transportation .....	400.00
All Other .....	99.65
	727.38

New Typewriter .....	120.98
Contagious Diseases .....	3,235.00
T. B. Prevention .....	480.00
Control of Communicable Diseases ..	1,000.00
Vital Statistics .....	50.00
Slaughtering Inspector .....	350.00
Plumbing Inspector .....	1,999.80
Garbage Collection .....	8,762.49
Dental Clinic .....	2,880.81
Animal Inspection .....	350.00
Milk Inspection .....	300.00
Diphtheria Clinic .....	376.21

##### Sewer Department:

Commissioners Salaries .....	300.00
Supt. Salary .....	4,000.00
Clerk Salary .....	1,424.80
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Maintenance	
Office Expense, Postage .....	210.17
Labor .....	7,390.29
Auto - Compressor .....	403.62
Materials .....	490.62
New Eqpt., Repairs, Replacements .....	775.67
Tel., Light, Water, Power .....	1,021.60
	10,291.67

##### House Connections:

Labor .....	13,326.39
Trucks .....	519.79
Materials & Eqpt. ....	8,725.84
All Other .....	1,277.85

23,849.87

##### 1946 Construction:

Labor .....	10,024.33
Trucks .....	18.75
Materials .....	13,403.40

Contract .....	72,085.09	
All Other .....	775.68	96,805.25

1947 Construction:

Labor .....	4,816.09	
Truck .....	10.50	
Material .....	2,099.46	
Contract .....	56,231.37	
All Other .....	608.68	63,766.19

## HIGHWAYS

Supt. Salary .....	4,000.00	
General Maintenance		
Office Expenses .....	385.02	
Patching .....	8,905.10	
Repairs to Eqpt. ....	17,201.20	
Gasoline and Oil .....	6,804.30	
Tarvia and Sanding .....	7,871.75	
Sidewalks .....	1,084.85	
Street Cleaning .....	7,596.40	
Drains and Catch Basins .....	5,206.96	
Supplies .....	3,233.32	
Rubbish Collection .....	8,583.91	
Snow Removal .....	12,746.97	
Cut Brush .....	737.34	
Fence and Rails .....	281.89	
Street and Traffic Signs .....	3,686.59	
All Other .....	10,579.84	94,905.44
New Equipment 1946 .....	12,263.35	
New Equipment 1947 .....	7,052.60	
New Garage .....	1,500.00	
Dump Maintenance .....	3,248.66	
New Construction 1945:		
Shaw and Wellington Strs. ....	32.00	
New Construction 1946:		
Shaw St. Fence .....	821.92	
Walnut & Commercial .....	135.76	957.68
New Construction 1947:		
Magnolia Drain .....	5,638.84	
French Estate .....	997.00	
Storrs Avenue .....	266.00	
Cochato Road .....	136.00	
Vinedale Road .....	552.67	
Pleasant View Ave. ....	272.00	
Common Street .....	1,169.02	9,031.53
Misc. New Construction 1945:		
Merritt Avenue .....	1,103.10	
Misc. New Construction 1946:		
Sterling Park .....	2,595.51	
Williams Street .....	1,572.71	
Newton Avenue .....	8,091.90	
Harbor Villa Avenue .....	2,521.62	
Wayne Avenue .....	38.70	
Torrey Road .....	40.84	
St. Michael's Road .....	59.93	

Misc. New Construction 1947:		
No. Bowditch Street .....	4,042.37	
Lincoln Street .....	2,268.57	
Cavanaugh Road .....	972.57	
Sycamore Road .....	1,747.76	
Chapter 90		
Maintenance .....	1,500.00	
Construction .....	5,980.65	
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Moth		
Labor & Trucking .....	1,217.22	
Expenses .....	498.25	
		1,715.47

### CHARITIES AND VETERANS' SERVICES

Welfare:		
Salaries Board .....	600.00	
Agent .....	3,022.77	
Social Worker .....	1,908.00	
Social Worker .....	1,470.00	
Clerk .....	1,802.00	
Clerk .....	1,431.00	
Visitor .....	432.00	
Expenses:		
Office Expenses .....	655.58	
Auto Expenses .....	351.88	
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Temporary Aid:		
Groceries and Provisions .....	6,033.86	
Fuel .....	857.37	
Rent, Board and Care .....	2,203.15	
Medicine and Medical Care .....	4,778.83	
State Institutions .....	4,543.08	
Cash Grants .....	3,529.30	
Shoes and Clothing .....	276.90	
Lights .....	69.74	
Accts. Pay. Other Cities & Towns .....	8,327.44	
All Other .....	589.99	
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A. D. C. "118"		
Cash Grants .....	31,287.16	
Administration (Federal) .....	467.56	

Old Age Assistance:		
Cash Grants .....	191,611.45	
Accts. Pay. Other Cities & Towns .....	3,494.91	
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Administration (Federal)		
Salary Visitor .....	1,595.23	
Expenses .....	612.74	
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Infirmary:		
Supt. Salary .....	1,970.00	
Matron Salary .....	450.00	
1946 Repairs and Maintenance .....	163.35	
Expenses:		
Groceries and Provisions .....	3,222.12	
Shoes, Clothing, Dry Goods .....	151.19	
Upkeep of Buildings .....	169.45	

Gas, Fuel, Light .....	1,213.38
Medical .....	227.64
Livestock & Garden .....	29.33
House Eqpt. ....	225.74
Telephone .....	94.52
Water .....	72.77
All Other .....	215.79
	5,621.93

Veterans' Services:

Agent .....	2,200.00
Clerk .....	1,590.00
Expenses:	
Auto Expenses .....	331.51
Office Expenses .....	266.85
	598.36

Increase \$93,257.04

Aid:

Fuel .....	149.55
Groceries and Provisions .....	909.97
Medicine and Medical Care .....	2,414.79
Shoes and Clothing .....	138.17
Accts. Pay.. Other Cities & Towns ..	209.00
Cash Grants .....	19,189.19
All Other .....	20.00
	23,030.67

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools:

Salaries:

Superintendent .....	\$6,800.00
Secys. to Supt. ....	3,840.00
Truant Officer .....	1,773.28
Guidance Secy. ....	880.00
Guidance Director .....	3,240.00
Health Director .....	3,486.64
Teachers .....	385,230.56
Clerks High .....	3,470.00
Clerks Grammar .....	3,645.00
Janitors .....	30,664.54
Maintenance Salaries .....	2,734.41
Repairmen .....	5,700.00
Physicians .....	1,392.56
Nurses .....	2,849.94
	455,706.93

Books & Supplies:

Books .....	13,934.52
Supplies .....	14,882.83

All Other Expenses:

Research and Professional Study..	709.07
Adv. Printing, Office Exp., Postage	1,052.84
Telephone .....	1,235.75
Traveling Expenses .....	1,403.85
Tuition .....	4,399.53
Transportation .....	15,477.42
Fuel .....	12,354.19
Light .....	2,462.70
Repairs .....	29,425.42
Operating Expenses .....	6,184.93

Outlay .....	9,386.61
Health Supplies .....	702.33
Graduation Expenses .....	560.41
Water .....	1,650.58
All Other .....	45.76
	87,051.39
Watson School Grounds .....	6,497.22
Emergency Lighting .....	2,547.81
Hollis School Boiler .....	1,212.80
Plans for High School .....	3,097.74
Lunchroom Equipment .....	2,991.25
Libraries:	
Salaries .....	14,921.54
Janitors Salaries .....	1,146.45
Survey of Library .....	10.00
Expenses:	
Books .....	3,276.45
Periodicals .....	458.95
Water .....	16.43
Binding .....	770.41
Fuel .....	735.96
Light .....	247.07
Repairs .....	126.81
Rent .....	1,080.00
Office Expenses .....	528.44
Telephone .....	196.17
Transportation of Books .....	160.00
All Other .....	223.27
	7,819.96

#### RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:	
Parks & Playgrounds:	
Prec. 1 & 2 .....	1,098.54
Prec. 3 & 4 .....	997.31
Prec. 5 & 6 .....	998.50
Organized Play .....	1,499.32
Chlorination Sunset Lake .....	1,502.98
Construction Back Stop, French's Common .....	585.00
Hollis Field Care & Maint. ....	1,199.75
Repairs Tennis Court, French's Com- mon .....	245.00
Lifeguard Sunset Lake .....	300.00
Swifts Beach Developoment .....	753.85
Repair Diamond French's Common ..	120.67
Unclassified:	
Norfolk Square Parking Lot .....	669.17
State Guard .....	50.66
Unpaid Bills Prior to 1947 .....	1,479.11
Street Lighting .....	9,453.65
Rest Room Town Hall .....	75.82
Zoning Committee .....	142.00
Fore River Bulkhead .....	8,575.00
Memorial Day:	
Sons Union Veterans .....	100.00
Veterans Foreign Wars .....	250.00
American Legion .....	250.00
	600.00

Veterans Foreign Wars Rent .....	960.00
Printing Town Reports .....	1,411.00
Veterans Project Infirmary .....	1,003.02
Union Village Improvement .....	3,086.28
Union Village Playground Supervisor	300.00
Union Village Playground Equipment	241.42
Insurance	
Auto Fire & Theft .....	118.10
Auto Liability .....	1,030.36
Building and Contents .....	4,022.10
Workmen's Compensation .....	3,351.89
	8,522.45
General Govt. Incidentals .....	1,473.25
Legion Building Maintenance .....	1,483.34
Union Village Housing:	
Payroll .....	5,822.28
Expenses .....	23,912.35
	29,734.63
Union Village Rental Deposits .....	250.00
War Bond Reserve .....	2,211.70
Withholding Tax Reserve .....	99,061.60

#### ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Water Department:	
Improving Water System New Mains	\$30,975.53
Replacing Pump, Altitude Valve.....	13,415.12
Booster Station & Storage Tank.....	35,500.37
Maintenance .....	154,864.89
Electric Light Department:	
Construction .....	124,173.07
Depreciation Account .....	160,672.22
Maintenance .....	507,014.57
Cemeteries:	
Plain Street	
Supt. Salary .....	460.00
Expenses:	
Labor .....	495.00
Loam .....	292.50
Tools & Supplies .....	191.07
	978.57
Dyer Hill .....	50.00

#### INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	
Anticipation of Revenue Notes .....	\$1,027.25
Sewer .....	11,080.00
Water .....	2,962.50
	15,069.75
Maturing Debt:	
Anticipation of Revenue .....	300,000.00
Sewer .....	33,000.00
Water .....	24,000.00
	357,000.00

#### TRUSTS, REFUNDS, TRANSFERS

Trust:	
N. H. Hunt .....	\$518.08
Charles Thayer .....	80.00

George Kelley .....	8.06
Ann Penniman .....	15.15
Hannah Hollis .....	4.08
Avis A. Thayer .....	12.00
Charles E. French .....	48.62
	685.99
Refunds:	
Taxes 1947 .....	6,984.47
Excise 1947 .....	824.16
Taxes 1946 .....	103.57
Excise 1946 .....	24.23
Poll 1945 .....	20.00
Poll 1944 .....	8.00
Poll 1943 .....	6.00
Estimated Receipts .....	179.50
	8,149.93
Transfers:	
From Reserve Fund (See Receipts) ..	14,268.78
State Tax .....	23,050.00
Dog Licenses County .....	2,386.20
County Hospital Assessment .....	11,988.04
County Tax .....	33,198.79
Smoke Inspection .....	332.79
Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	1,419.42
Auditing Retirement System .....	409.15
Charles River .....	2,579.32
Metropolitan Parks .....	8,028.84
Metropolitan Park Series II .....	128.79
Nantasket Beach .....	762.36
Metropolitan Sewer .....	22,544.45
	106,828.15
Agency Account .....	20.00
Stabilization Fund .....	50,000.00
Cash Balance December 31, 1947:	
General .....	332,493.54
Water .....	14,867.50
Electric Light .....	87,343.88
Electric Light Depreciation .....	287,983.05
	722,687.97
	\$4,091,119.91
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## 1947 RECAPITULATION

### Ledger Accounts

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Closed to	Balance etc.	Transfers	Out
							Revenue	12-31-47	Revenue	Transfers
Moderator	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Finance Committee—Secy.	.....	250.00	.....	.....	.....	250.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	849.90	150.10	.....	.....
Accountant—Salary	.....	3,100.00	.....	.....	.....	3,100.00	3,100.00	.....	.....	.....
Secretary	.....	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....	1,802.00	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....
Expense	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	190.45	9.55	.....	.....
New Adding Machine	.....	145.00	.....	.....	.....	145.00	145.00	.....	.....	.....
Selectmen—Salaries (3)	.....	2,100.00	.....	.....	.....	2,100.00	2,100.00	.....	.....	.....
Secretary	.....	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....	1,802.00	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	981.82	18.18	.....	.....
Treasurer—Salary	.....	3,300.00	.....	.....	.....	3,300.00	3,300.00	.....	.....	.....
Clerks (2)	.....	3,604.00	.....	.....	.....	3,604.00	3,604.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	1,735.00	.....	.....	.....	1,735.00	1,734.93	.07	.....	.....
Collector—Salary	.....	2,800.00	.....	.....	.....	2,800.00	2,800.00	.....	.....	.....
Deputy	.....	1,431.00	.....	.....	.....	1,431.00	1,431.00	.....	.....	.....
Extra Clerical Help	.....	500.00	.....	.....	425.00	925.00	915.53	9.47	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	2,378.97	.....	.....	.....	2,380.27	2,219.13	161.14	.....	.....
Assessors—Salaries (3)	.....	3,504.20	.....	.....	.....	3,504.20	3,400.00	104.20	.....	.....
Cities Service Appraisal	.....	5,724.00	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Clerks (3)	.....	2,355.00	.....	.....	.....	5,724.00	5,724.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	2,355.00	.....	.....	.....	2,355.00	2,344.73	10.27	.....	.....
Law—Salary Town Counsel	.....	2,350.00	.....	.....	.....	2,350.00	2,350.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	502.50	.....	.....	.....	502.50	418.77	83.73	.....	.....
Settlement of Claims	.....	2,250.00	.....	.....	.....	2,250.00	2,152.63	97.37	.....	.....
Land Damages	.....	803.00	.....	.....	847.00	.....	2,550.00	2,550.00	.....	.....
Town Clerk—Salary	.....	2,600.00	.....	.....	.....	2,600.00	2,600.00	.....	.....	.....
Clerk	.....	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....	1,802.00	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	727.00	.....	.....	.....	727.00	727.00	.....	.....	.....
Registration—Salaries	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
Listing Expense	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	.....	660.00	.....	.....	.....	660.00	643.62	16.38	.....	.....
Clerical	.....	840.00	.....	.....	.....	840.00	840.00	.....	.....	.....
Election Dept.—Expenses	.....	241.00	.....	.....	.....	241.00	241.00	.....	.....	.....
Officials and Janitors	.....	760.00	.....	.....	5.00	765.00	760.00	5.00	.....	.....

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Closed to Revenue etc.	Balance Transfers Out
							12-31-47	
Engineering—Engineer	3,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,200.00	3,200.00	.....
Transit Man	2,438.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,438.00	2,438.00	.....
Clerk	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,802.00	1,802.00	.....
Rodman	1,961.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,961.00	1,961.00	.....
Expenses	650.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	650.00	649.33	.67
Town Hall—Janitors	3,869.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,869.00	3,869.00	.....
Repairs and Maintenance	2,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,200.00	2,200.00	.....
New Equipment Rest Room	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	75.82	24.18
Fire and Police Station —								
Maint. and Repairs	1,000.00	.....	.....	312.52	.....	1,312.52	1,312.52	.....
Fuel	1,500.00	.....	.....	144.81	.....	1,644.81	1,644.81	.....
Planning Board	50.00	.....	.....	50.00	.....	41.20	41.20	8.80
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>								
Police Dept.—Chief's Salary	3,600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,600.00	3,600.00	.....
Deputy Chief	3,350.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,350.00	3,350.00	.....
Three Sergts.	8,600.00	.....	.....	100.00	.....	8,700.00	8,651.52	48.48
Seventeen Patrolmen	45,050.00	.....	.....	692.00	.....	45,050.00	44,594.13	455.87
Reserve for Ambulance	369.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,061.63	.....	1,061.63
Election Men	69.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	69.84	69.84	.....
1 Patrolman	2,541.67	.....	.....	44.33	.....	2,586.00	2,586.00	.....
3 Patrolmen	7,233.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,233.33	7,233.32	.01
Janitor	1,961.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,961.00	1,961.00	.....
Extra Men, Vacations, Sickness	2,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,200.00	2,193.94	6.06
Clerk	843.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	843.00	840.00	3.00
Pension Non-Contributory	3,843.13	.....	.....	231.30	.....	4,074.43	4,074.43	.....
School Duty	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	1,180.49	319.51
Sunset Lake Duty	420.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	420.00	420.00	.....
Dog Officer	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....
Radio Maintenance	500.00	.....	.....	3.82	.....	503.82	501.72	2.10
Uniforms	1,300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,316.00	1,313.51	2.49
New Eqpt. Photographic	525.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	525.00	389.24	135.76
New Eqpt. for Men	99.89	.....	.....	.....	.....	99.89	84.00	15.35
Expenses	3,525.00	.....	.....	507.14	.....	4,032.14	4,032.13	.01
Fire Dept.—Chief's Salary	3,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,800.00	3,800.00	.....
1st. Deputy	3,350.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,350.00	3,350.00	.....
2nd Deputy	3,150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,150.00	3,150.00	.....
Captain	3,724.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,724.44	3,724.44	.....
4 Lieutenants	11,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,800.00	11,800.00	.....
18 Privates	50,329.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50,329.00	50,329.00	.....
Hydrant Service	12,950.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,950.00	12,950.00	.....
Vacations and Sickness	4,328.68	.....	.....	78.84	.....	4,406.12	4,406.12	1.40

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Revenue etc.	Closed to Balance Transfers Out
Expenses	5,086.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,086.14	5,483.01	3.13	.....
Uniforms	1,150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,150.00	1,145.45	4.55	.....
Squad A. Engine etc.	4,500.62	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,500.62	4,500.00	.62	.....
Fire Alarm—Repairman	2,800.00	.....	.....	4.20	.....	2,800.00	2,800.00	.....	.....
Expenses	1,670.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,674.20	1,667.20	7.00	.....
Vacations	78.84	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.84	78.84	.....	.....
Repairs to Radio	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	92.00	7.80	.....
Inspector of Buildings—Salary	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	.....
Expenses	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....
Board of Appeals — Zoning Expense	300.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	350.00	348.02	1.98	.....
Survey Committee—By-Laws on Zoning	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	142.00	.....	858.00
Weights and Measures—Sal- ary Sealer	575.00	.....	75.00	.....	.....	575.00	575.00	.....	.....
Expenses	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	275.00	275.00	.....	.....
Tree Warden—General Care..	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....
Removing Poplar, Morrison Rd.	.....	.....	.....	125.00	.....	125.00	125.00	.....	.....
Pruning Oak, Cleveland Ave.	500.00	.....	.....	30.00	.....	30.00	30.00	.....	.....
Planting New Trees .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....
Eradication Dutch Elm Disease .....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....
Trees as Listed .....	1,560.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,560.00	1,560.00	.....	.....
HEALTH AND SANITATION	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Board of Health—Salaries (3)	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	289.23	10.77	.....
Officer	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....	.....
Expenses	750.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	750.00	727.38	22.62	.....
Control of Communicable Diseases .....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....
New Eqpt. Typewriter .....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	120.98	29.02	.....
Contagious Diseases .....	6,000.00	.....	83.32	.....	.....	6,083.32	3,318.32	2,765.00	.....
Garbage Collection .....	8,762.49	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,762.49	8,762.49	.....	.....
Testing of Milk .....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....
Inspector of Slaughtering ..	350.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	350.00	350.00	.....	.....
Inspector of Plumbing .....	1,600.00	.....	400.00	.....	.....	2,000.00	1,999.80	.....	.....
Inspector of Animals .....	350.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	350.00	350.00	.....	.....
Dental Clinic .....	2,900.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,900.00	2,880.81	19.19	.....
Diphtheria Clinic .....	300.00	.....	76.21	.....	.....	376.21	376.21	.....	.....
T. B. Prevention .....	480.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	480.00	480.00	.....	.....
Vital Statistics .....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
Rabies Clinic .....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....

	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Closed to Revenue etc. 12-31-47	Balance Transfers Out
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
Sewer Dept. - Supt. Salary .	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	4,000.00	.....
Clerk .....	1,484.00	.....	.....	.....	1,484.00	1,424.80	59.20	.....
Moth Labor & Trucking ..	10,775.00	.....	.....	.....	10,775.00	10,291.67	483.33	.....
Moth Expenses .....	25,000.00	.....	.....	9.32	25,120.13	23,859.19	1,260.94	.....
Chapter 90 Construction ..	75,000.00	.....	.....	.....	125.26	75,125.26	63,766.10	12,359.16
1947 New Construction ..	95,913.05	.....	.....	.....	392.20	96,305.25	96,305.25	.....
Commissioners' Salaries (3)	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	300.00	1.34
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>								
Highway Dept.—Salary Supt.	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	4,000.00	.....
Moth Labor & Trucking ..	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	1,217.22	282.78	.....
Moth Expenses .....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	500.00	498.25	1.75	18,796.10
Chapter 90 Construction ..	2.50	20,000.00	4,776.75	.....	24,779.25	5,983.15	.....	.....
Chapter 90 Maintenance ..	.61	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,500.61	1,500.61	.....	.....
General Maintenance .....	95,000.00	.....	.....	299.53	184.71	95,484.24	95,204.97	279.27
1945 New Construction ..	882.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	882.60	32.00	850.60
1946 New Construction ..	958.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	958.35	957.68	.....
1947 New Construction ..	20,496.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,496.00	9,031.52	.....
1946 New Equipment .....	22,031.43	1,000.00	.....	1,232.35	.....	24,263.78	12,263.35	12,000.43
1947 New Equipment .....	7,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,800.00	7,052.60	747.40
Williams Street .....	1,997.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,997.15	1,572.71	424.44
Vernon Street .....	.....	.....	.....	752.00	.....	752.00	.....	752.00
Sterling Park .....	2,758.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,758.00	2,595.51	162.49
Storrs Avenue Extension ..	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	100.00	.....	100.00
Merritt Avenue .....	1,103.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,103.10	1,130.10	.....
New Garage (Plans .....	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	.....
Logan Road .....	38.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.70	38.70	.....
St. Michael's Road .....	715.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	715.90	59.93	655.97
Torrey Road .....	130.86	.....	.....	.....	.....	136.86	40.84	90.02
Shaw Street Drain .....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	200.00
Newton Avenue .....	8,307.58	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,312.72	8,097.04	215.68
Harbor Villa Avenue .....	2,723.09	.....	.....	5.14	.....	2,723.09	2,521.62	201.47
No. Bowditch Street .....	4,421.00	.....	.....	.....	4,421.00	4,042.37	378.63	.....
Cavanaugh Road .....	1,425.00	.....	.....	.....	1,425.00	972.57	452.43	.....
Sycamore Road .....	2,040.00	.....	.....	.....	2,040.00	1,747.76	292.24	.....
Lincoln Street .....	3,520.00	.....	.....	.....	3,520.00	2,268.57	.....	1,251.43
Pond Street Sidewalk .....	3,556.00	.....	.....	.....	3,556.00	3,250.00	3,248.66	3,556.00
Maintenance & Rent of Dump .....	3,000.00	.....	.....	250.00	.....	3,250.00	3,248.66	.....
<b>CHARITIES AND VETERANS' SERVICES</b>								
Welfare—Salaries' Board .....	.....	600.00	.....	.....	.....	600.00	600.00	.....
Agent .....	3,022.77	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,022.77	3,022.77	.....
Social Worker .....	1,908.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,908.00	1,908.00	.....
Social Worker .....	1,696.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,696.00	1,470.00	226.00

	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	'Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Expended Revenue etc.	Closed to Balance etc. 12-31-47	Transfers Out
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
Clerk	1,802.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,802.00	1,802.00	.....	.....
Clerk	1,431.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,431.00	1,431.00	.....	.....
Visitor	432.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	432.00	432.00	.....	.....
Expenses	1,010.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,010.00	1,007.46	2.54	.....
Temporary Aid	30,000.00	.....	.....	1,500.00	194.52	31,694.52	31,209.66	484.86	.....
A. D. C. "118"—Aid	23,000.00	.....	.....	3,500.00	.....	26,500.00	26,103.67	396.33	.....
Old Age Assistance—Aid	125,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	125,000.00	120,000.00	.....	5,000.00
Infirmary—Supt. Salary	1,970.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,970.00	1,970.00	.....	.....
Matron Salary	450.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	450.00	450.00	.....	.....
Expenses	5,200.00	.....	.....	413.35	481.68	5,895.03	5,785.28	.....	109.75
1946 Repairs & Maintenance	400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00	163.35	.....	236.65
Veterans Services—Veterans Benefits	30,000.00	.....	41.51	401.56	30,443.07	33,072.18	7,220.89	150.00	.....
Expenses	600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	598.36	1.64	.....
Salary Agent	2,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,200.00	2,200.00	.....	.....
Clerk	1,590.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,590.00	1,590.00	.....	.....
<b>SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES</b>									
School Dept.—Salaries	435,465.00	50,000.00	.....	.....	485,465.00	455,706.93	4,258.07	.....	25,500.00
New High School Remodeling, etc.	30,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,000.00	.....	30,000.00	.....
Plans for High School	5,750.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,750.00	3,097.74	2,652.26	.....
High School Addition	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	.....	10,000.00	.....
All Other	2,150.00	78,400.00	.....	9,020.45	705.40	90,275.85	87,571.84	1,204.01	1,500.00
State Aid Vocational Education	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00
Books and Supplies	22,700.00	.....	10,071.10	44.15	32,815.25	32,388.45	.....	.....	426.80
Lunch Room Program	.....	.....	50,000.00	.....	50,000.00	.....	50,000.00	.....	.....
New Boiler Hollis School	1,219.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,219.80	1,212.80	7.00	.....
Auxiliary Lighting	2,555.47	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,555.47	2,547.81	7.66	.....
School Lighting Account	15,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,000.00	.....	15,000.00	.....
Watson School Grounds	8,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000.00	6,497.22	.....	1,502.78
Lunch Room Equipment	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00	2,991.25	8.75	.....
Library—Salaries	15,900.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,900.00	14,921.54	978.46	.....
Janitors' Salaries	1,221.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,221.00	1,146.45	74.55	.....
Expenses	7,505.00	315.00	.....	.....	.....	7,820.00	7,819.96	.04	.....
Toilets Highland Branch	498.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	498.00	.....	498.00	.....
Survey of Libraries	227.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	227.38	.....	217.38	.....
<b>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED</b>									
Parks & Playgrounds—Pr. 1-2	600.00	.....	71.50	.....	.....	1,171.50	1,170.04	1.46	.....
Pr. 3-4	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	997.31	2.69	.....
Pr. 5-6	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	998.50	1.50	.....
Organized Play	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	1,499.32	.68	.....

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Revenue etc.	Closed to Balance etc. 12-31-47	Transfers Out
French's Common Repair	.....	.....	125.00	.....	.....	125.00	120.67	.....	.....	4.33
Diamond	.....	.....	245.00	.....	.....	245.00	245.00	.....	.....	.....
French's Common Repair	.....	245.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennis Court	.....	.....	550.00	.....	35.00	585.00	585.00	.....	.....	.....
French's Common New Back Stop	.....	.....	550.00	.....	.....	585.00	585.00	.....	.....	.....
Hollis Field Care and Maintenance	.....	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00	1,199.75	.....	.....	.....
Construction Toilets Sunset Lake	5,000.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....	5,000.00	300.00	300.00	5,000.00	.....
Lifeguard Sunset Lake Swifts Beach Development	926.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	926.13	753.85	.....	172.28	.....
Weymouth Fore River Bulkhead	665.22	8,000.00	.....	.....	.....	8,665.22	8,575.00	.....	.....	90.22
Norfolk Square Parking Lot	670.23	.....	.....	.....	.....	670.23	669.17	1.06	.....	.....
Gen. Government Incidentals.	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	1,473.25	26.75	.....	.....
Insurance—Auto Fire & Theft.	118.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	118.10	118.10	.....	.....	.....
Employees Compensation	3,351.89	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,351.89	3,351.89	.....	.....	.....
Buildings and Contents	4,022.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,022.10	4,022.10	.....	.....	.....
Auto Liability	1,030.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,030.36	1,030.36	.....	.....	.....
Town Reports	1,411.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,411.00	1,411.00	.....	.....	.....
V. F. W.—Rent of Hall	960.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	960.00	960.00	.....	.....	.....
Maintenance of Legion Building	485.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,485.00	1,483.34	1.66	.....	.....
Memorial Day	600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	600.00	.....	.....	.....
Reserve Fund	15,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,00.00	14,268.78	.....	.....	731.22
Unpaid Bills Prior to 1947	1,479.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,479.11	1,479.11	.....	.....	.....
Town Forest	100.000	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	99.93	.07	.....	172.30
State Guard Unit	223.01	.....	.....	.....	.....	223.01	50.66	.05	.....	.....
Land Taking Plot 43 Plot 57	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00	.....
Committee on Town Development	928.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	928.59	.....	.....	928.59	.....
Street Lighting	9,800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,800.00	9,453.65	346.35	.....	.....
Union Village — Playground Supervisor	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	142.58
Playground Equipment	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	384.00	241.42	.....	.....	.....
Improvement	3,553.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,553.60	3,086.28	.....	467.32	.....
Housing Project	42,128.83	.....	.....	.....	.....	42,128.83	29,900.45	.....	12,228.38	.....
Rental Deposit	1,170.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,170.00	250.00	.....	920.00	.....
Reserve for Ground Rent	1,440.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,440.00	.....	.....	1,440.00	.....

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue etc.	Balance etc. 12-31-47	Transfers Out
<b>ENTERPRISES and CEMETERIES</b>											
Water Dept.—Available Surplus	16,638.04	.....	.....	157,412.73	.....	174,050.77	.....	.....	14,867.50	159,183.27	
Improving Water System				264.79	.....	30,975.53	30,975.53				
New Mains .....	30,710.74	.....	.....	158,681.25	.....	160,003.75	154,864.89				5,138.86
Maintenance .....	1,322.50	.....	.....		.....						
Laying New Mains Gt. Pd.					.....	264.79	.....				264.79
West St. ....	264.79	.....	.....		.....						
Replacing Pump Altitude Valve .....	13,415.12	.....	.....		.....	13,415.12	13,415.12				
Booster Station, New Mains Br. Hgls. ....	35,500.37	.....	1,400.00	200.00	.....	35,500.37	35,500.37				
Chlorination Sunset Lake ..					.....	1,600.00	1,502.98				97.02
Electric Light—Maintenance Depreciation Fund .....	391,348.68	.....	57,306.59	579,926.83	.....	579,926.83	507,014.57	.....	287,983.05		
Construction Account .....	133,104.69	.....	72,912.26	.....	.....	448,655.27	160,672.22	.....	81,843.88		
Plant Enlargement .....	5,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	206,016.95	124,173.07	.....	5,500.00		
Cemeteries—Supt. Salary .....	460.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	460.00	460.00	.....	221.43		
Plain St. Expense .....	1,200.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	1,200.00	978.57	.....			
Dyer Hill .....					.....	50.00	50.00	.....			
Veterans Project Infirmary ..	2,137.32	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,137.32	1,003.02	.....	1,134.30		
<b>INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT</b>											
Interest .....		12,580.00	2,962.50	.....	.....	15,542.50	15,069.75	472.75	.....		
Maturing Debt .....		34,466.10	22,533.90	.....	.....	57,000.00	57,000.00				
Premium Water Notes .....	1,466.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,466.10	.....				1,466.10
<b>AGENCY AND TRUSTS</b>											
Income from Trust Funds									5.44		
Charles H. Thayer .....		450.44	.....	.....	.....	10.10	10.10				
Ann M. Penniman .....			10.10	.....	.....	4.02	4.02				
George W. Kelley .....			4.02	.....	.....	48.62	48.62				
Charles F. French .....				48.62	.....	518.08	518.08				
Nathaniel H. Hunt .....					518.08	2.03	2.03				
Hannah R. Hollis .....					2.03	2.13	2.13				2.13
Julia A. Minchin .....					2.13	2,183.83	2,183.83	.....	2,183.83		
Library Foundation .....					2,183.83	.....					
Post War Rehabilitation (Hollingsworth) .....					312.50	.....	312.50		312.50		
Avis A. Thayer .....					10.10	.....	10.10	3.05	7.05		
Joseph S. Miller Cemetery ..						2.63	2.63			2.63	
Post War Rehabilitation .....					3,406.14	.....	3,406.14		3,406.14		
Charles C. Hill .....					2.13	.....	2.13		2.13		

	Balance 1-1-47	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Trans- fers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue etc.	Balance 12-31-47	Transfers Out
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
James W. Colbert Trust	50.64	.....	562.37	.....	.....	562.37	.....	.....	562.37	.....
James W. Colbert Library	.....	.....	581.44	.....	.....	581.44	.....	.....	581.44	.....
Henry H. Musick	.....	.....	5.26	.....	.....	5.26	.....	.....	5.26	.....
State Tax and Assessments										
Smoke Inspection Service	.....	.....	82.77	.....	.....	82.77	.....	.....	82.77	.....
Charles River Basin 1946	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.64	.....	.....	50.64	.....
Metropolitan Parks Reservation 1946	.....	.....	611.24	.....	.....	611.24	.....	.....	611.24	.....
Nantasket Beach Reservation 1946	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.19	.....	.....	51.19	.....
Metropolitan Sewerage System 1946	.....	.....	.....	3,242.29	.....	3,242.29	.....	.....	3,242.29	.....
County Tax 1946	.....	.....	.....	850.49	.....	850.49	.....	.....	850.49	.....
Norfolk Count Hospital 1947	.....	.....	13,478.38	.....	.....	13,478.38	11,988.04	.....	1,490.34 Cr	.....
State Tax 1947	.....	.....	.....	23,050.00	.....	23,050.00	23,050.00	.....	.....	.....
Auditing Municipal Accounts 1947	.....	.....	1,419.42	.....	.....	1,419.42	1,419.42	.....	.....	.....
Auditing Retirement System 1947	.....	.....	409.15	.....	.....	409.15	409.15	.....	.....	.....
Smoke Inspection Service 1947	.....	.....	355.89	.....	.....	355.89	332.79	.....	23.10 Cr	.....
Charles River Basin 1947	.....	.....	2,769.80	.....	.....	2,769.80	2,579.32	.....	190.48 Cr	.....
Met. Parks Reservation 1947	.....	.....	7,511.80	.....	.....	7,511.80	8,028.84	.....	517.04 Dr	.....
Nantasket Beach 1947	.....	.....	874.13	.....	.....	874.13	762.36	.....	111.77	.....
Boulevards 1947	.....	.....	128.80	.....	.....	128.80	128.79	.....	.01	.....
Met. Sewerage South System 1947	.....	.....	19,399.07	.....	.....	19,399.07	22,544.45	.....	3,145.38 Dr	.....
County Tax 1947	.....	.....	40,109.36	.....	.....	40,109.36	33,198.79	.....	6,910.57	.....

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MAGLATHLIN

Town Accountant

TOWN OF BRAINTREE  
Balance Sheet, December 31, 1947  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves
Cash .....	\$ 722,687.97	Defense Bonds .....
Accounts Receivables:		Withholding Tax .....
Taxes:		Overlay 1947 .....
Levy of 1947 Real .....	\$ 62,949.34	Overlay 1946 .....
Levy of 1947 Person .....	3,200.83	Overlay Reserve .....
Levy of 1947 Poll .....	88.00	Sale of Real Estate Funds .....
	-----	Sewer Receipts Reserve for Appropriation .....
Overlay 1944 .....	2.00	Dog Licenses .....
Overlay 1945 .....	4.00	Tailings .....
	-----	Sale of Cemetery Lots .....
Motor Vehicles Excise Tax, 1937 .....	1,601.31	Federal Grants:
Special Assessments:		Old Age Assistance .....
Unapportioned Sewer .....	60,522.33	Old Age Assistance Admr..
Apportioned Sewer 1947 .....	855.85	-----
Sewer House Conn. Unapportioned .....	15,658.34	A. D. C. "118" .....
Sewer House Conn. 1947 .....	375.60	A. D. C. "118" Admr. .....
Street Unapportioned .....	4,984.82	-----
Street Apportioned 1947 .....	54.20	Police Dept. — Ambulance Reserve .....
Committed Interest 1947 .....	265.07	Eqpt. .....
	-----	Town Hall Rest Room—New
Tax Titles and Possessions:		24.18
Tax Titles .....	3,030.02	Police Dept. — Ambulance Reserve .....
Tax Titles Possessions .....	43,011.32	New Equipment .....
	-----	New Equipment for Men .....
Departmental Revenue:		By-Laws on Zoning—Survey Committee .....
A. D. C. "118" .....	5,333.29	Sewer Dept. 1947 New Construction .....
Welfare .....	1,239.18	12,359.16

Old Age Assistance .....	14,079.95	Highway Dept.—Chapter 90	18,796.10
Health .....	91.50	Constr. ....	850.60
Use of Ambulance .....	360.75	1945 New Construction ..	11,464.47
Sewer .....	907.62	1947 New Construction ..	12,000.43
State and County Aid to Highways .....	22,012.29	1946 New Equipment ..	752.00
Water Liens 1947 .....	5,723.25	Vernon Street .....	100.00
Water Dept. Rates & Services, etc. ....	250.02	Storrs Avenue Extension ..	200.00
Water Dept. Petty Cash .....	22,171.33	Shaw Street Drain .....	215.68
Electric Light Dept. Light and Power .....	200.00	Newton Avenue .....	1,251.43
Electric Light Dept. Petty Cash .....	72,578.84	Lincoln Street .....	3,556.00
Revenue 1948 .....	200.00	Pond Street Sidewalk .....	236.65
Revenue Deficit 1947 .....	72,778.84	Infirmary—1946 Repairs .....	150.00
Appropriation from Post War Rehab. Fund .....	50,100.00	Soldiers' Relief 1947 Aid .....	2,652.26
Loans Amortized .....	13,417.70	School — Plans High School Addition .....	15,000.00
Metropolitan Park Recreation 1947 .....	930,000.00	School Lighting Account ..	10,000.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	517.04	High — New Addition .....	30,000.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	3,145.38	High — Remodeling, etc., ..	2,000.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	3,662.42	School Dept.—Vocational Edu- cation State Aid .....	50,000.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	School Lunches Elementary ..	1,502.78
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Watson School Grounds ..	.....
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Library — Toilets Highland Branch .....	498.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Survey .....	217.38
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Toilets Sunset Lake .....	5,000.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Swifts Beach Development ..	172.28
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Land Taking Plot 43 .....	100.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Plot 57 .....	100.00
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Committee on Town Develop- ment .....	928.59
Metropolitan Sewerage So. Sys- tem 1947 .....	.....	Cemetery Plain Street Ex- penses .....	221.43

Union Village — Reserve for		
Ground Rent .....	1,440.00	
Playground Equipment .....	142.58	
Improvement .....	467.32	
Housing Project .....	12,228.38	
Rental Deposits .....	920.00	
Norfolk County Hospital 1947		
Smoke Inspection Service 1947	1,490.34	
Charles River Basin 1947 .....	23.10	
Nantasket Beach 1947 .....	190.48	
Boulevards 1947 .....	111.77	
County Tax 1947 .....	.01	
	6,910.57	
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Unissued Bonds .....	820,000.00	
School Constr. from Post War		
Rehab. Fund .....	110,000.00	930,000.00
Water Dept. Surplus .....		14,867.50
Electric Light Dept. Depreci-		
ation Fund .....	287,983.05	
Construction Account .....	81,843.88	
Plant Enlargement .....	5,500.00	
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicles Excise Tax		
Revenue .....	1,601.31	
Special Assessment Revenue	82,716.21	
Tax Title Revenue .....	46,041.34	
Departmental Revenue .....	22,012.29	
State and County Aid to		
Highways .....	5,723.25	
Water Department Revenue	22,421.35	
Water Department Petty Cash	200.00	
Electric Light Revenue .....	72,578.84	
Electric Light Petty Cash..	200.00	

Water Dept. Office—Fire Loss	202.80
Reserve .....	186,257.15
Surplus Revenue E. & D. ....	
	<b>\$2,039,606.85</b>

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### DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Appportioned Assessments Not Due:		Appportioned Sewer Revenue:	Appportioned Sewer Assessments—Revenue:
Appportioned Sewer .....	\$ 26,321.32	Due in 1948 .....	\$5,404.46
Appportioned Sewer H o u s e		Due in 1949 .....	5,341.47
Connections .....	18,705.00	Due in 1950 .....	5,252.47
Appportioned Streets .....	2,113.90	Due in 1951 .....	4,566.88
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		Due in 1952 .....	1,332.24
		Due in 1953 .....	1,187.95
		Due in 1954 .....	1,187.95
		Due in 1955 .....	1,155.95
		Due in 1956 .....	891.95
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		Appportioned Sewer House Connections Revenue:	
		Due in 1948 .....	3,281.00
		Due in 1949 .....	3,069.00
		Due in 1950 .....	2,888.00
		Due in 1951 .....	2,703.00
		Due in 1952 .....	1,975.00
		Due in 1953 .....	1,665.00
		Due in 1954 .....	1,400.00
		Due in 1955 .....	1,048.00
		Due in 1956 .....	676.00
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Appportioned Street Revenue:	
Due in 1948 .....	259.90
Due in 1949 .....	253.00
Due in 1950 .....	253.00
Due in 1951 .....	253.00
Due in 1952 .....	228.00
Due in 1953 .....	228.00
Due in 1954 .....	223.00
Due in 1955 .....	208.00
Due in 1956 .....	208.00
	2,113.90
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	\$47,140.22
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DEBT ACCOUNT	
526,000.00	Water Dept. Replacing Pump Attitude Valves, etc. ....
	Improving System, New Mains .....
	Booster Station, New Mains Bra. Hglds. ....
	Sewerage .....
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	\$526,000.00
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Net Funded and Fixed Debt . . . . .	
	\$47,140.22
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	\$526,000.00
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## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:  
Cash and Securities in  
Custody of Town Treasurer  
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406,638.18

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Charles H. Thayer Fund . . . . .	\$20,792.54
Ann M. Penniman Fund . . . . .	505.00
George W. Kelley Cemetery Fund . . . . .	200.00
Charles E. French Fund . . . . .	2,443.69
Nathaniel H. Hunt Fund . . . . .	24,376.99
Hannah R. Hollis Fund . . . . .	101.00
Julia A. Minchin Fund . . . . .	108.29
Library Foundation Fund . . . . .	13,204.74
Caleb Stetson Library Fund . . . . .	2,550.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund (Hollingsworth) . . . . .	51,754.61
Rachel R. Thayer Fund . . . . .	175.08
Avis A. Thayer Fund . . . . .	507.05
Joseph S. Miller Cemetery Fund . . . . .	133.90
Stabilization Fund . . . . .	90,000.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund . . . . .	129,537.14
Charles C. Hill Cemetery Fund . . . . .	108.30
James W. Colbert Fund . . . . .	28,354.03
James W. Colbert Library Fund . . . . .	41,018.25
James W. Colbert Library Fund (Real Estate) . . . . .	500.00
Henry H. Musick Fund . . . . .	267.57
	406,638.18
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	\$406,638.18
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**RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Cash and Securities .....	\$207,482.44		
Annuity Savings Fund .....		\$118,979.13	
Expense Fund .....	45.08		
Pension Accumulation Fund .....		74,584.68	
Annuity Reserve Fund .....		7,147.64	
Special Fund .....		1,283.46	
Income Fund .....		3,874.01	
Annuity Savings Fund (Mili-			
tary) .....			
	1,568.44	207,482.44	
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			\$207,482.44
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Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MAGLATHLIN,  
Town Accountant.

*Report of*

**Town Treasurer**

JOHN W. HARDING, *Town Treasurer*

in account with

**THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE**

Cash Book Balance, January 1, 1947.....	\$ 1,058,349.28
Receipts from the Collector of Taxes.....	1,206,192.78
Receipts from Electric Light Department.....	579,926.83
Receipts from Water Department.....	151,868.75
Receipts from all other sources.....	1,080,513.49
	—————
	\$ 4,076,851.13

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants for:

Bonds, Notes and Interest.....	\$ 372,069.75
Electric Light Department Vouchers.....	631,187.64
Water Department Vouchers.....	234,755.91
All other Appropriations and Expenditures.....	2,116,149.86
Cash Book Balance, December 31, 1947.....	722,687.97
	—————
	\$ 4,076,851.13

The Cash Book Balance is made up of the following items:

General Town Account Balance .....	\$ 332,493.54
Water Department Balance .....	14,867.50
Electric Light Department Balance .....	87,343.88
Electric Depreciation Fund .....	287,983.05

**OUTSTANDING FUNDED DEBT**

DECEMBER 31, 1947

First Sewer Loan, 3½%, due 1948-1961.....	\$204,000
Second Sewer Loan, 5%, due 1948-1853.....	24,000
Third Sewer Loan, 3¼%, due 1948-1954.....	49,000
Sewer Loan, 1%, due 1948-1952.....	26,000
Water Equipment Notes, ¾%, due 1948-1951.....	13,000
Water Mains Bonds, 1¼%, due 1948-1961.....	168,000
Water Construction Bonds, 1¼%, due 1948-1961.....	42,000
	—————
	\$526,000

Funded Debt  
to be

Outstanding,

December 31

Year	Bonds and Notes
1947 .....	Maturing
1947 .....	\$52,000
1949 .....	51,000
1950 .....	50,000
1951 .....	50,000
1952 .....	41,000

Interest

\$12,765.00

11,528.75

10,301.25

9,078.75

7,897.50

TAX TITLES AND TAX TITLE POSSESSIONS			
Tax Titles held by Town of Braintree, Jan. 1, 1947.....		\$ 2,430.89	
Tax Titles acquired in 1947, including subsequent taxes added .....		2,242.75	
Tax Titles Redeemed in 1947.....		1,392.81	
Tax Titles Foreclosed in 1947.....		250.81	
Tax Titles Held, December 31, 1947.....		3,030.02	

The book value of Tax Title Possessions held by the Town  
on December 31, 1947, was..... \$43,011.32

### TRUST FUND TRANSACTIONS—YEAR 1947

Fund	Principal of Fund Dec. 31, '47.	Balance of Income Jan. 1, '47	Income Receipts 1947	Payments from Income 1947	Balance of Income Dec. 31, '47
N. H. Hunt .....	\$24,376.99	—	\$518.08	\$518.08	—
Chas. E. French...	2,419.50	\$24.19	48.62	48.62	\$24.19
Ann M. Penniman..	500.00	10.05	10.10	15.15	5.00
George W. Kelley..	200.00	4.04	4.02	8.06	—
Hannah R. Hollis..	100.00	3.05	2.03	4.08	1.00
Julia A. Minchin..	100.00	6.16	2.13	—	1.00
Charles Thayer ...	20,329.06	458.04	450.44	445.00	463.48
Avis A. Thayer ..	500.00	8.95	10.10	12.00	7.05
Joseph S. Miller..	123.66	7.61	2.63	—	10.24
Chas. C. Hill....	100.00	6.17	2.13	—	8.30
Colbert School ....	25,000.00	2,791.66	562.37	—	3,354.03
Henry H. Musick ..	250.00	12.31	5.26	—	17.57
Colbert Library ...	40,643.76	293.05	581.44	—	874.49
Post War Fund for 1944 .....	100,000.00	—	3,240.00	—	3,240.00
Post War Fund for 1945 .....	25,000.00	1,131.00	166.14	—	1,297.14
Post War Fund for Hollingsworth .	50,000.00	1,442.11	312.50	—	1,754.61
Stabilization Fund (1946) .....	40,000.00	—	—	—	—
Stabilization Fund (1947) .....	50,000.00	—	—	—	—

### TRUST FUNDS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY, DECEMBER 31, 1947

Principal—Foundation Fund .....	\$ 11,020.91
Principal—Caleb Stetson Fund .....	2,500.00
Principal—Rachel R. Thayer Fund .....	172.50

#### Receipts:

Cash on deposit, Jan. 1, 1947.....	\$ 3,130.91
Income—Foundation Fund .....	238.00
Income—Caleb Stetson Fund .....	50.00
Income—Rachel R. Thayer Fund.....	2.58
Income—Nathaniel H. Hunt Trust.....	518.08
	\$3,938.85

#### Expenditures:

Purchase of Books .....	\$ 929.79
Maintenance and Repairs.....	396.03
Cash on Deposit, Dec. 31, 1947.....	2,613.00
	\$3,938.85

# Contributory Retirement System

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1947

Under authority of Section 31H of Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1936 the Town Treasurer is Custodian of all Funds and Securities of the Contributory Retirement System.

### Cash Receipts:

Cash Balance, January 1, 1947 (Retirement Fund) ....	\$ 5,111.75
Cash Balance, January 1, 1947 (Expense Fund) .....	178.69
Receipts for year 1947 (Retirement Fund) .....	49,283.74
Receipts for year 1947 (Expense Fund) .....	100.00
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	\$54,674.18

### Cash Payments:

Payments by vouchers of Retirement Board (Retirement Fund) .....	\$ 49,075.37
Payments by vouchers of Retirement Board (Expense Fund) .....	233.61
Cash Balance, December 31, 1947 (Retirement Fund)	5,320.12
Cash Balance, December 31, 1947 (Expense Fund) ...	45.08
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	\$54,674.18

### SECURITIES HELD—DECEMBER 31, 1947

\$ 2,000	Atlantic City Electric Co. ....	3 1/4%	due	1964
3,000	Central Maine Power Co. ....	3 1/2%	due	1970
5,000	Green Mountain Power Co. ....	3 3/4%	due	1963
2,000	Westchester Lighting Co. ....	3 1/2%	due	1967
1,500	U. S. Savings Bonds .....		due	1948
15,000	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	2 1/2%	due	1953
35,000	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	2 1/2%	due	1954
25,000	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	2 1/2%	due	1955
16,500	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	2 1/2%	due	1956
30,000	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	2 1/2%	due	1957
3,000	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	2 1/2%	due	1958
17,500	U. S. Savings Bonds.....	2 1/2%	due	1959
5,000	Braintree Savings Bank			
3,000	Randolph Savings Bank			
4,000	South Weymouth Savings Bank			
3,000	Weymouth Savings Bank			

105 Shares First National Bank of Boston

195 Shares National Shawmut Bank of Boston

10 Matured Shares	Braintree Co-operative Bank	
10 Paid-up Shares	Braintree Co-operative Bank	
10 Running Shares	Braintree Co-operative Bank	Series 105
10 Running Shares	Braintree Co-operative Bank	Series 106
10 Paid-up Shares	Holbrook Co-operative Bank	
5 Paid-up Shares	Lawrence Co-operative Bank	
10 Paid-up Shares	Lincoln Co-operative Bank	
10 Paid-up Shares	Mattapan Co-operative Bank	
10 Paid-up Shares	Middleborough Co-operative Bank	
10 Paid-up Shares	Randolph Co-operative Bank	
10 Paid-up Shares	Shirley Co-operative Bank	
10 Paid-up Shares	South Shore Co-operative Bank	

*Report of*  
**Tax Collector**

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

GEORGE H. GERRIOR, Jr., *Tax Collector*

	Balances	Cash Receipts	Abatements Less Refunds	Tax Titles and Appor- tionments	Outstanding	Balance
LEVY OF 1947						
Real Estate .....	\$1,071,851.15	\$1,002,868.57	\$4,516.20	\$1,517.00	\$62,949.38	
Sewer Betterment Apportionments .....	6,406.53	5,550.68	..	..	855.85	
Sewer Connection Apportionments .....	3,884.77	3,441.89	67.28	..	375.60	
Street Betterment Apportionments .....	503.78	397.55	16.73	7.45	98.78	
Committed Interest .....	2,271.50	1,988.97	..	.73	265.07	
Poll .....	13,372.00	9,204.00	4,080.00	..	88.00	
Excise .....	47,509.08	45,394.61	585.16	..	1,529.31	
Personal (Property) .....	41,544.57	37,920.09	423.65	..	3,200.83	
Water Liens .....	330.12	70.76	..	9.34	250.02	
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	\$1,187,673.50	\$1,106,837.12	\$9,689.02	\$1,534.52	\$69,612.84	

## LEVY OF 1946

Real Estate .....	76,387.16	75,901.88	(67.57) Refund 552.85
Sewer Betterment Apportionments .....	824.93	824.93	.....
Sewer Connection Apportionments .....	287.38	287.38	.....
Committed Interest .....	244.16	244.16	.....
Poll .....	186.00	54.00	132.00
Excise .....	1,574.93	1,420.59	154.34
Personal Property .....	962.78	911.82	50.96
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	\$80,467.34	\$79,644.76	\$269.73
			\$552.85
			.....
 UNAPPORTIONED AND DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS			
Total .....	\$119,142.89	17,354.34	191.42
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Miscellaneous Income:			
Interest .....			20,623.10
Fees .....			80,974.03
Lien Statements .....			
Accounts Previously Abated .....			
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Total .....			

\* - \*\* see attached schedule for detail

\* UNAPPORTIONED AND DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS

	Balances & Commitments	Cash Receipts	Refunds & Abatements	Returned for Apportionment	Outstanding	Balance
Sewer Betterment Assessments	\$74,350.72	\$3,898.33	..	\$9,930.06	\$60,522.33	
Sewer Connection Assessments	32,266.55	9,195.80	\$172.97	7,412.45	15,485.33	
Street Betterment Assessments	10,671.62	2,406.21	18.45	3,280.59	4,966.37	
Deferred Assessments Prepaid:						
Sewer Betterment Assess.	765.00	765.00				
Sewer Connection Assess.	547.00	547.00				
Street Betterment Assess.	542.00	542.00				
Total	\$119,142.89	\$17,354.34	\$191.42	\$20,623.10	\$80,974.03	
** ABATEMENTS LESS REFUNDS:						
1947—Real Estate	\$11,419.62	Abatements	Refunds	Net		
Sewer Comm. Apportionments	67.28		\$6,903.42	\$4,516.20		
Committed Interest	16.73		..	67.28		
Poll	4,142.00		..	16.73		
Excise	1,403.32		62.00	4,080.00		
Personal Property	431.05		818.16	585.16		
1946—Real Estate	..		7.40	423.65		
Poll	..		67.57	67.57	(credit)	
Excise	174.00		42.00	132.00		
Personal Property	172.57		18.23	154.34		
All Previous Years	50.96		..	50.96		
Poll	..		34.00	191.42		
Unapportioned and Deferred Assess.	209.07		17.65			
Total	\$18,120.60		\$7,970.43	\$10,150.17		

*Report of*

## *Board of Assessors*

WALTER B. SKINNER, *Chairman*

ARTHUR E. BOYNTON, *Clerk*

NORRIS H. PINAULT

Real estate bears the burden of local taxation. Assessed valuation is the very foundation of our taxation system. It is the responsibility of the Board of Assessors to assess all property and polls for tax purposes to raise the funds needed for the operation of the town's services. Chapter 59 of the General Laws prescribes that real estate shall be assessed at its "full and fair cash value." The assessors also must evaluate personal property such as furniture, fixtures, stock in trade, livestock and the distribution system of Public Utilities; prepare warrants for motor vehicle and trailer excise; warrants for sewer; street betterments etc.

The tax rate is fixed each year on the basis of raising the necessary funds to cover the town budgets as well as certain County and State assessments.

Much property is being constructed in our town and the great number of transfers has increased the demands on this office. The growth ensuing from this increasing activity in our town is, of course, going to be reflected in increased budgets in all departments. Therefore all capital expenditures should be carefully considered and well planned with the thought that everything should be done to avoid, as much as possible, the increasing of our tax rate.

Your board is striving to the best of its ability to serve the citizens in a fair and impartial manner. Our facilities and office space are absolutely inadequate to properly carry on this great amount of work and detail which is steadily increasing.

We wish to pay tribute to our clerical staff for their conscientious and efficient help and to all other departments that have co-operated in this past year which has been a most difficult one because of the changing period of adjustment that is effecting not only our town but every community in our nation.

## 1947 RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations Voted Since 1946 Tax Rate Was Fixed Deficits Due to Abatements in Excess of Overlay of Prior Years		Figures Used In Fixing Tax Rate (G.L. Chap. 59, Sections 23 & 25)	
State: Tax and Assessments	34.00	\$1,805,250.29	
County: Tax and Assessments	59,905.55	59,905.55	
Overlay of Current Year	27,000.04	54,438.23	
			\$1,946,628.11
Gross Amount to be Raised	602,974.75		
Estimated Receipts	222,171.39		
Available Funds			825,146.14
			\$1,121,481.97
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property			
Number of Polls: 6647 at \$2.00		Poll Tax	\$13,294.00
Valuation: Personal Property	\$984,475.00	Tax Rate	36,425.58
Real Estate	28,966,550.00		\$37.00
			1,071,762.35
Total Valuation	\$29,951,025.00		
Gain on account of fractional divisions of Tax Rate	.04		
			\$1,121,481.97

*Report of*  
**State Audit**

Mr. Francis X. Lang  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Braintree for the period from May 22, 1946, the date of the previous audit, to May 24, 1947 and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked with the records of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined, checked, and compared with the records of the several departments of the town and with the town treasurer's books. The receipts as recorded were compared with the town treasurer's record of receipts and were checked with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, while the recorded payments were checked with the treasurer's record of disbursements and with the treasury warrants.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, the appropriations and transfers being checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings and with the finance committee's authorization of transfers from the reserve fund. A balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on May 24, 1947 was prepared and is appended to this report. (On file in Selectmen's Office.)

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town, with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, and with the town accountant's books. The recorded payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds, while the cash balance on May 24, 1947 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by verification of the cash and cash memoranda in the office, and by examination of the savings bank books and securities.

The recorded payments on account of debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the trust, investment, and retirement fund accounts in the custody of the town treasurer and the treasurer of the library trustees were examined and listed. The income and disbursements were proved and the transfers to the town were verified.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and the additions to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records. The recorded redemptions and foreclosures were verified and the tax titles on hand were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger and further verified by checking wth the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The records of assessments apportioned by the assessors were examined and checked. The apportionments added to taxes were verified, and the apportioned assessments not due were listed and reconciled with the deferred revenue accounts in the town accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes, excises and assessments outstanding according to the previous examination,

as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved to the warrants issued for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The records of departmental, electric light, and water accounts were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were checked with the records of the departments authorized to grant them, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, assessment, departmental, electric light, and water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts as listed are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The records of dog and sporting licences were examined, and the recorded payments to the town and to the State were verified.

The surety bonds of all town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of the selectmen and the sealer of weights and measures, of the health, school, and library departments, as well as of all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet referred to, tables showing a reconciliation of

the several cash amounts, summaries of the tax, excise, assessment, tax title, departmental, electric light and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust, investment, and retirement funds. (On file in Selectmen's Office.)

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from the several officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

HBD:GPT

Assistant Director of Accounts

*Report of*

## *Trustees of Braintree School Fund*

ARTHUR L. HALE, *President*

MORRILL R. ALLEN, *Treasurer*

JOSEPH H. BRAMBLE, *Clerk*

H. IRVING CHARNOCK

RALPH B. WOODSUM

CHARLES G. JORDAN

CARROLL D. WELCH

In accordance with the advice of the State Auditors, this fund is not treated as a trust fund of the Town, but is administered by the Trustees of Braintree School Fund, an incorporated body; and, following a vote of the town, the income is used for scholarships awarded to graduates of the Braintree High School to be applied toward first year's expenses in pursuing higher education.

### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Real Estate (Assessed Value)	\$3,650.00
Quincy Savings Bank	1,022.50
Weymouth Savings Bank	1,000.00
Braintree Savings Bank	2,270.65
Randolph Savings Bank	600.00
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	\$8,543.15

### INCOME ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

Balance on Hand January 1, 1947	\$625.52
Rents	300.00
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits	115.08
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	\$1,040.60

## Payments

Fidelity Bond	\$ 8.00
Fire Insurance	61.14
Scholarships	225.00
Real Estate Taxes	135.05
	429.19
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1947	611.41

Scholarships were awarded in 1947 to the following graduates of the Braintree High School:

*Report of*

## *Planning Board*

FRANK L. HEANEY, *Chairman*

JOSEPH MAGALDI, *Secretary*

HELEN M. ELLSWORTH

HOWARD J. WILLIAMS

EDWARD J. ROSE

No. Employees	1947 Appropriation	1947 Expenditure
None	\$50.00	\$41.20

The Planning Board is required to report annually regarding the condition of the town and any plans or proposals for its development and estimates of the cost thereof.

The Braintree Planning Board functions under the provisions of Chapter 41 - Sections 70, 71 and 72. A subsequent act of the General Court relating to improved method of municipal planning was submitted to Town Meeting in 1938 but failed of adoption. Problems of street layouts in real estate development, therefore, still remain with the Board of Selectmen performing as a Board of Survey.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

One of Braintree's most important problems is that of future rail transportation. The Planning Board has recently been informed that, should the New Haven Railroad cease to operate passenger service, the Metropolitan Transit Authority plans to extend the operation of the Cambridge-Ashmont rapid transit as far as Braintree. The terminal is planned for location just north of the Braintree Railroad Station between Elm and School Streets. It is contemplated that bus service would then feed out to the various communities south and east now served by the Old Colony Division. This matter is being studied by the Planning Board as well as by other groups and merits the attention of all citizens of the town.

A thorough study of the highway problems of Greater Boston has been made by the State during the past year. The limits were fixed as that area lying between the circumferential highway (Route 128) and the Atlantic Ocean. Most of Braintree is included in this area. These recommendations as to new traffic routes through the town will be carefully studied and reported on by the Planning Board.

### SCHOOLS:

The Planning Board had the pleasure of having the Superintendent of Schools at one of its recent meetings. Mr. Proctor outlined the needs for new schools in the various sections of the town. All available information as to population densities, forecasts, and maps showing location of all buildings was turned over to him by the board for use in his studies.

No new school buildings have been built in Braintree with the exception of the two-room Colbert School for the past 18 years. In the meantime the population of the town has increased by more than one-third and the birth rate has also advanced considerably. As to long range planning, schools should be considered with other needed services in a method described later in this report.

### TOWN PLANNING:

In our report to the town in 1941 we described the work to date on the Master Plan. The Planning Board Map prepared as part of this plan has not been revised since 1940. This Map, widely used by town departments and others, shows the location of every building, contours, streams and ponds as well as other physical features. It is hoped that funds will be made available this year to bring this map up to date.

Problems relating to the further development of business districts, together with provisions of on-the-lot parking are being studied by the Board. It was suggested by

the Committee appointed to study the Zoning Act, that the Planning Board initiate action along this line.

### LONG RANGE FISCAL PLANNING:

The Planning Board recommends that Braintree consider the drawing up of a plan for long range fiscal planning.

The general plan is to make up charts showing the income and expenses of the town, excluding capital expenses, over a series of years and project these into a period covering the next six years. The difference between the income and the expenses gives a basis for computing how much can safely be spent on capital expenditures in these years. Lists of projects requiring capital outlay are submitted by the different departments with their estimated cost and the date when it is thought they should be carried out. This data is carefully checked by a committee and recommendations are submitted for each year's program accordingly.

As things now stand in Braintree the School Department has its pressing problems, so also has the Sewer, Water, Highway and other departments. There is only so much available money each year and a long range fiscal program is necessary for intelligent distribution of the funds.

### ZONING:

The Planning Board is required by law to hold hearings and make recommendations to the Town Meeting on all proposed changes in the Zoning Law. A committee appointed by the Moderator to study changes in the zoning law is, at this time, turning over its findings to the Planning Board. It has been learned that there will be other changes requested as well. The Planning Board will make recommendations on these articles at Town Meeting.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

The Planning Board wishes to thank their ex-officio member Mr. John J. Drinkwater, Jr., Town Engineer, for the splendid cooperation which he has extended at all times. He has very kindly permitted the Board to enjoy the facilities of his office in the Town Hall and has been helpful in other ways.

## INVITATION:

The Planning Board meets regularly at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on the third Tuesday of each month, except during July and August. Any persons wishing to make suggestions or desiring information in matters relating to Town Planning are cordially invited to attend any of these meetings. It is earnestly desired that many citizens will take an active part in the planning activities.

# Jury List

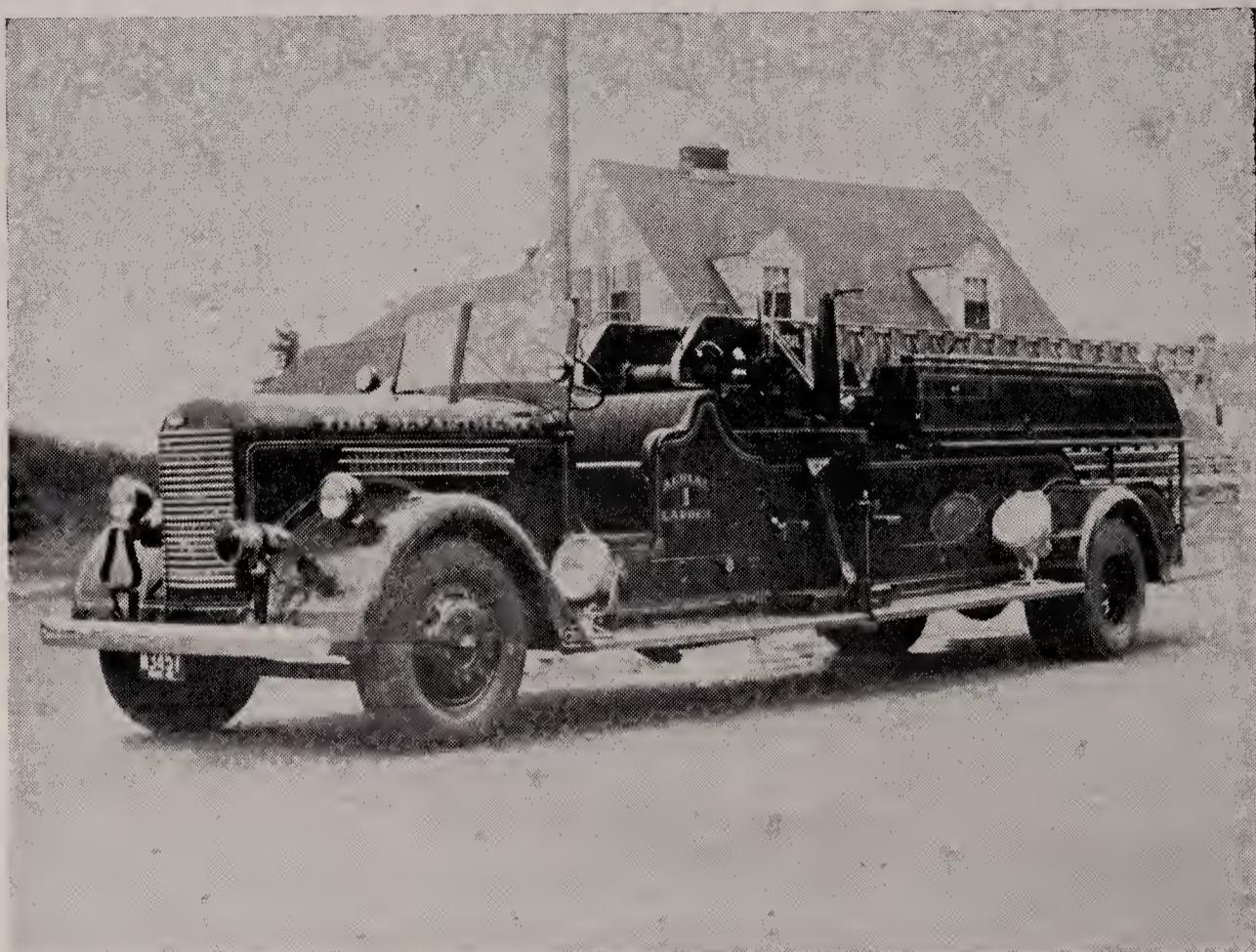
*As Prepared By The Selectmen*

Adams, Charles H., Jr.	110 Elmlawn Road	Boiler Maker
Ahearn, Edwin S.	26 Elliot Street	Guard
'Akins, Christopher C.	75 Bickford Road	Ship Worker
Albert, Alfred O.	91 Cabot Avenue	Mechanic
Albonetti, Renato L.	20 Carter Road	Rest. Worker
Aldrich, W. Malcolm	36 Bellevue Road	Cashier
Alger, Melville C.	54 Allen Street	Salesman
Allsopp, George F.	49 Sagamore Street	Mechanic
Anderson, Gustave W.	46 Arborway Drive	Tel. Emp.
Andrews, Harrison B.	1 Kew Road	Draftsman
Arbuckle, Wyman O.	108 Cedar Street	Manager
Armstrong, Joseph W.	305 Hancock Street	Pipe Fitter
Atkinson, Courtenay	21 Azel Road	Clerk
Babin, Alexander P.	46 Bickford Road	Draftsman
Bachman, Ellis	121 Hollingsworth Ave.	Auto Dir.
Bailey, Jostph C.	20 Union Street	Retired
Baker, Albert L.	38 Staten Road	Merchant
Baker, James E.	442 Washington St.	Mariner
Barrett, John	42 Taylor Street	Ship Wkr.
Bean, George 'A.	116 Hobart Street	Machinist
Bennett, Charles M.	33 Cochato Road	Clerk
Beverage, Charles T.	43 Fountain Street	Electrician
Blewett, Howard B.	188 Hollingsworth Ave.	Accountant
Blunt, Arthur A.	259 Washington Street	Defense
Bowker, George E.	45 Sagamore Street	Draftsman
Bradley, George L.	26 Judson Street	Clerk
Britton, Leon W.	15 Sampson Avenue	Carpenter
Brock, Walter M.	36 Charles Street	Salesman
Brown, H. Burton	23 Willow Street	Shoe Cutter
Brown, Henry B., Jr.	Hayward Street	Welder
Brown, Edward D.	15 Mt. Vernon Street	Investigator
Burns, William J.	98 Stetson Street	Bookkeeper
Byam, Raymond E.	3 Smith Terrace	Electrician
Campbell, Archibald	11 Beechwood Road	Foreman
Campbell, Frank J.	30 Harbor Villa Ave.	Pumper
Cannon, John E.	98 Beechwood Road	Clerk
Carlozzi, Frank	26 Randall Street	Ship Wkr.
Christie, Donald F.	201 Middle Street	Superintendent
Clay, Richard J.	120 Elmlawn Road	Clerk
Corliss, Guy L.	7 Pleasant Stret	Mechanic
Costantino, Domenic	37 St. Michael Road	Shoe Wkr.
Crandall, Albert L.	48 Oak Street	Insurance
Crawford, Herbert C.	589 Washington St.	Salesman
Dacey, William	195 Elm Street	Ship Wkr.
Daily, Chester W.	467 Granite Street	Farmer
Dalton, Patrick L.	1074 Washington St.	Merchant
Dalton, Thomas J. F.	46 Elliot Street	Foreman
Davis, Wilbur	76 Newton Avenue	Messenger
Day, Archibald G.	160 Wampatuck Road	Salesman
DeCoste, Jerry H.	7 Holmes Street	Shoe Wkr.

DeGiso, Alphonse	548 Pond Street	Machinist
Demarest, Clarence	68 Sherbrooke Ave.	Salesman
Derrah, Andrew J.	106 Parkside Ave.	Sales Mgr.
Dodge, Earl R.	121 Edgehill Road	Engineer
Dow, Alva M.	46 Lemoyne Street	Retired
Drollett, Robert A.	686 West Street	Superintendent
Dugan, William F.	78 Cedarcliff Road	Tel. Emp.
Earle, Lloyd A.	51 Staten Road	Clerk
Eason, Claude M.	8 Primrose Street	Jeweler
Elliott, Walter C.	101 Prospect St. North	Auditor
Ellis, Chester O.	117 Adams Street	Florist
Farnsworth, Richard W.	30 Perry Road	Clerk
Ferrand, Harold C.	43 Jersey Avenue	Salesman
Ferranti, Steven	105 Pond Street	Ship Wkr.
Fisher, C. Edward	4 Weston Avenue	Retired
Fitts, Walter M.	255 Middle Street	Salesman
Foss, Carroll P.	32 Windemere Circle	Salesman
Frazier, Peter	76 School Street	Carpenter
Galbraith, Bayard L.	15 Jefferson Street	Insurance
Gallagher, John P.	31 Peach Street	Clerk
Getchell, Albert	652 Washington St.	Salesman
Gillies, Charles W.	170 Stoors Avenue	Broker
Grant, Earl R.	34 Brewster Avenue	Salesman
Griffiths, Herbert R.	11 Vine Street	Book Maker
Gunville, Louis B.	54 Brookside Road	Electrician
Gurney, James P.	36 Bowditch Street	Painter
Hainsworth, Gordon F.	5 Spruce Street	Undertaker
Hall, Drew B.	156 River Street	Treasurer
Hall, Joseph P.	266 Pond Street	Foreman
Hallett, Milton B.	231 Pearl Street	Gardner
Hamilton, Charles C.	1870 Washington St.	Manager
Harvey, Walter T.	335 Middle Street	Machinist
Hill, Benjamin C.	126 Brewster Avenue	Salesman
Hitchcock, George A.	20 Cochato Road	Retired
Holbrook, George	29 Harrison Avenue	Ship Wkr.
Horsman, Orra P. K.	21 Wilmarth Road	Salesman
Hull, Ralph O.	81 Walnut Street	Printer
Hutchinson, Amos	19 Morrison Road	Janitor
Ingham, John L.	69 Factory Hill	Engineer
Ireland, J. William	34 Mt. Vernon Ave.	Salesman
Johnson, Bert C.	599 Liberty Street	Shoe Wkr.
Johnson, Christian	36 Central Avenue	Salesman
Johnson, Robert W.	77 President Road	Machinist
Johnston, James	35 Pearl Street	R. R. Emp.
Jones, Edward H.	51 Ash Street	Engineer
Jones, Ralph J.	265 Shaw Street	Pipefitter
Jope, Hugh	549 West Street	Printer
Jordan, Charles G.	111 Liberty Street	Insurance
Jordan, Percy E.	29 Stedman Avenue	Machinist
Joslin, Donald E.	21 Mt. Vernon Ave.	Welding Instr.
Joyce, John	85 Cedarcliff Road	Carpenter
Julian, Joseph	53 Adams Street	Ship Wkr.
Juster, Norbert W.	24 Dewey Road	Metal Wkr.

Kane, Harry J.	10 Devon Road	Manager
Kauffman, Herbert S.	57 Tremont Street	Accountant
Keigan, Robert	20 Trefton Drive	Operator
Keith, Roy F.	60 Sherbrooke Ave.	Shoe Wkr.
Kelland, William J.	22 Glenrose Ave.	Foreman
Kelley, Elliot G.	1036 Washington St.	Bank Clerk
Kelley, Loren W.	23 Bower Road	Student
Kelley, Martin J.	135 Liberty Street	Clerk
Kellogg, Earl R.	14 Faulkner Place	R. R. Emp.
King, Ernest W.	20 School Street	Optician
Kingsbury, Harlan W.	109 River Street	State Emp.
Kingsbury, J. Edward	109 River Street	Elec. Constr.
Klay, Frederick J.	89 Academy Street	Metal Wkr.
Knight, William J.	170 Jefferson St.	Welder
Laobe, Joseph A.	16 Pearl Street	Rubber Wkr.
LaBree, Charles A.	149 Allen Street	Electrician
Ladd, John S.	94 Newton Avenue	Rate Setter
Lake, Arthur E.	365 Washington St.	Radio Wkr.
LaLand, Francis	99 Sheppard Avenue	Welder
Lambert, A. Ernest	12 Haven Road	Sales Mgr.
Lane, J. Frank	67 Central Avenue	Clerk
LeSage, Eugene P.	81 Pond Street	Meat Cutter
Levangie, Wilfred O.	647 Granite Street	Mechanic
Lewis, Harold G.	26 Frederick Road	Engineer
Lindsay, Harry W.	52 Wildwood Avenue	Clerk
Lingley, Kenneth R.	39 Wynot Road	Salesman
Long, W. Rae	75 Prospect Street	Consultant
Lyons, John P.	365 Middle Street	Trucking
Macaulay, Donald A.	65 Hollis Avenue	Buyer
MacBride, Charles J.	165 Elmlawn Road	Salesman
MacCormack, Stephen D.	59 Milton Road	Defense
MacLeod, Alexander	52 Sterling Street	Construction
Magee, James J.	335 Washington St.	Gas Sta. Att.
Maguire, Andrew E.	230 Shaw Street	Engineer
Maguire, Raymond N.	20 Bowditch Street	Plumber
Mahar, James T.	289 Middle Street	News Agent
Maher, George F.	50 Faulkner Place	Manager
Makepeace, Carl G.	30 Faulkner Place	Iron Const.
Maloney, Danied A.	31 Bowditch Street	Carpenter
Mallon, George	25 Sheppard Avenue	Wood Wkr.
Marston, Arthur M.	95 Monatiquot Ave.	Manager
McCarthy, Lawrence L.	11 Haven Road	Manager
McCue, Robert E.	71 Hobart Street	
McCusker, Thomas B.	275 West Street	Manager
McDuffey, William E.	39 Sheppard Avenue	Machinist
McGrann, Frank R.	25 Thayer Place	Book Wkr.
McGrath, James J.	22 French Avenue	Defense
McLaughlin, Charles H.	19 Bradley Road	Engineer
McVay, Paul D.	18 Cape Cod Lane	Welder
Moore, William H.	315 Commercial Street	Pattern Mkr.
Moorehead, George K.	16 West Street	Retired
Muir, John W.	610 Washington St.	Mechanic

Nason, Walter C.	6 Oak Street	Credit Man
Nedham, Howard E.	19 Miller Street	Accountant
Norris, Harold E.	130 Franklin Street	Clerk
Oakley, Arthur G.	73 Trefton Drive	Clerk
O'Connell, Patrick J.	93 Newton Avenue	Boat Builder
Ogden, Leroy P.	214 Jefferson Street	Salesman
Oxton, Ernest W.	154 Beechwood Road	Insurance
Packard, David	53 Nelson Street	Insurance
Page, Newman	42 Trefton Drive	Engineer
Palmer, Edward E.	135 Hawthorn Road	Retired
Phipps, Irvin R.	453 Washington St.	Insurance
Pillsbury, William R.	47 Argyle Road	Salesman
Piner, William B.	120 School Street	Banking
Potter, Merwin G.	135 Middle Street	Carpenter
Prouty, Donald	16 Wildwood Avenue	Clerk
Rae, Percy	95 Hayward Street	Electrician
Rae, Russell B.	42 Franklin Street	Broker
Rafuse, Murray G.	10 Abbott Street	Salesman
Ramsay, Hugh N.	34 Thayer Road	Metal Wkr.
Rand, Lawrence E.	19 Sampson Avenue	Lineman
Randall, Walter B.	13 Clark Street	Insurance
Ratcliffe, John	11 Whittier Street	Boiler Insp.
Raymond, H. Frank	10 Crescent Avenue	Salesman
Reardon, Timothy J.	16 Middle Street	Town Emp.
Reed, Bert H.	17 Academy Street	Agent
Reed, Newall A.	44 Dewey Road	Veteran
Regan, Frank J.	154 Tremont Street	Beth. Steel
Remick, Clifton P.	37 Sherbrooke Ave.	R. R. Emp.
Rhoades, Robert C.	115 Brewster Avenue	Manufacturer
Roberts, Charles H.	931 Washington St.	Salesman
Rogers, John A.	41 Wildwood Avenue	Salesman
Rook, Samuel	1543 Liberty Street	Ship Wkr.
Russell, Everett F.	27 Thayer Place	Water Dept.
Ryan, John J.	69 Liberty Street	Foreman
Saunders, Howard M.	2 Phillips Street	Shoe Wkr.
Schraut, Max W.	35 Washington St.	Baker
Siegel, Andrew	6 Ardmore Street	Printer
Smiley, Harrison T.	95 Brow Avenue	Druggist
Spiess, Fred 'A.	34 Jersey Avenue	Sales Mgr.
Sullivan, Joseph W.	1027 Washington St.	
Taber, Seward W.	130 Hawthorn Road	Auto Dealer
Tuck, William G.	165 Arnold Street	Carpenter
Turner, Merton A.	10 Weston Court	Manager
Van Zandt, Albert H.	186 Peach Street	Salesman
Vining, Robert M.	28 Willard Street	Timekeeper
Walsh, George J.	5 Wellington St.	Bleacher
Welch, George J.	105 Temont Street	Shoe Wkr.
Wood, Harris E.	144 Brewster Ave.	Clerk
Wynot, Edgar S.	382 Commercial St.	Machinist
Young, Ira R.	50 Waldron Road	Mech. Eng.
Zanghi, Joseph	71 Rose Avenue	Barber



*Our New Aerial Ladder*  
*Report of*  
***Fire Department***

FRED A. TENNEY, *Chief*

No. of Employees Fire Dept.	Fire Alarm Dept.	Fire Dept. Budget	Fire Alarm Budget
1946 Perm. (27) Call (35)	(1)	\$92,772.62	\$4,481.25
1947 Perm. (27) Call (35)	(1)	\$98,993.82	\$4,648.84

Fire Departments have three essential functions, fire fighting, saving life and property and fire prevention.

In 1947 we had a total of 809 calls in which we used 37,600 feet of hose and pumped water 134 hours.

With a valuation of \$3,319,150.00 on buildings and contents which were involved by fire, we had a fire loss of \$40,307.11 in 1947.

During the summer, regular drills are held for permanent and call firemen; including instruction in the use

of pumping engines and equipment. School on the location of streets, hydrants and fire alarm boxes are held weekly by the permanent men.

The fire department at the present time has the following equipment in use, a 750 gallon pump, a 65 foot aerial ladder truck, a squad truck, a forest fire truck, a fire alarm truck and a chief's car at the Central Station; a 750 gallon pump and a squad truck at the East Braintree Station; a 500 gallon pump at the Braintree Highlands Station. The new squad truck that was purchased in 1946 was delivered July 8, 1947. This piece of apparatus has a 400 gallon pump, ladders and a hose capacity of 1,400 feet.

Fire prevention is carried out the entire year by inspections of all classes of buildings by members of the Fire Department.

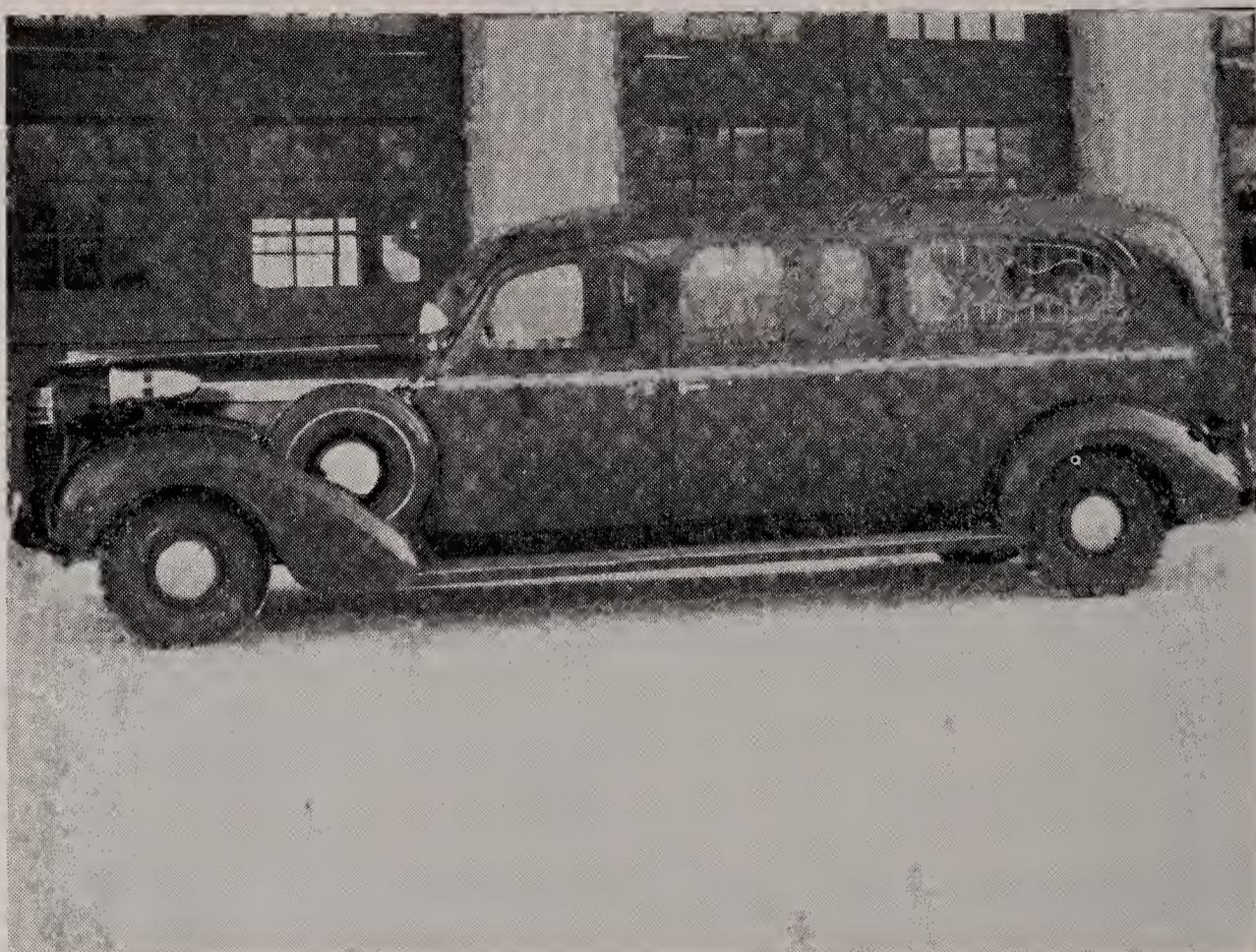
Have you enlisted in the war against fires? Learn how to keep fire under control in your home by eliminating fire hazards such as:—

- Defective chimneys
- Rubbish in attics
- Smoking in bed
- Careless use of electric irons
- Faulty fuses and defective wires
- Use only standard fuse plugs
- Accumulation of ashes and rubbish

Inspections of oil burners have increased from 389 in 1946 to 662 in 1947.

A fuel oil burner shall not be installed, and fuel oil in excess of ten (10) gallons shall not be kept in a structure without a permit having been obtained from the head of the Fire Department.

- Recommendation for the year 1947;
- Appointment of (6) more permanent men.
- Appointment of (1) Fire Alarm Man.



*Police Ambulance*  
*Report of*  
***Police Department***

EDWARD D. CAHILL, *Chief*

No. of employees 28

The record of crimes for the year 1947 approximates that of 1946 both in number and in types of crimes committed. In 1946 there were 477 arrests, in 1947 there were 505 arrests.

Only four cases involving juveniles were brought before the court in 1947. A few cases were brought to the attention of the Probation Office and informal hearings held and matters adjusted. In handling cases by informal hearing there is no record given the child. Other cases were settled and adjusted without informal hearings or court action.

The automotive equipment of the department consists of three 1946 cruising cars, an ambulance, patrol wagon



*School Safety Patrol — Police Dept.*

and two motorcycles. A budget request has been made to replace the three cruisers and the ambulance. The ambulance is now ten years old and the costs of maintenance are becoming excessive.

Two-way radio equipment is maintained on the three cruising cars and radio service is rendered to the Fire Department. The value of the radio communication system lends to greater cooperation between the two Departments to the benefit of the citizens. It is a most effective aid in the apprehension of criminals and the control of crime.

Through the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee Chief Cahill attended the F.B.I. National Academy at Washington, D. C. He completed a twelve weeks course, graduating on March 28, 1947.

Since his return a survey of the department's record system has been made by a Special Agent of the F.B.I. and recommendations have been made for modernizing the system.

A class in Fingerprint Classification has been held and a fingerprint file set up. New photography equipment has been purchased and the process of setting up a photo laboratory has commenced.

All officers are now required to participate in firearms practice and plans are being formulated for membership in the New England Police Revolver League. Under this League program police officers may qualify for the grades of Expert, Sharpshooter and Marksman and are entitled to wear these respective badges as soon as they qualify.

Plans are also in the making to conduct a training program for all members of the department, which should prove of value to our citizens.

*Report of*  
***Building Inspector***  
JOHN C. PAFFORD, *Building Inspector*  
DANIEL A. MALONEY, *Deputy*

	Budget	Expenditures
1946	\$1,292.92	\$1,292.92
1947	1,350.00	1,350.00
Permits Issued		Estimated Values
Dwelling	171	\$1,117,300.00
All other new construction	66	387,875.00
Additions, Alterations and Repairs	140	162,949.00
Elevators	2	
Razing	14	
Estimated value of construction	\$1,668,124.00	
Fees received for permits		1,502.00
Total permits issued		393

*Report of*  
***Zoning Board of Appeal***

FRANK A. EWART, *Chairman*  
EARL R. GRANT, *Clerk*  
RALPH B. WOODSUM  
C. FREDERICK TARBOX, *Alternate*

No. of Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	\$300.00	\$296.12
1947	300.00	298.02

A total of twenty-six petitions were received and after public hearings fifteen were granted, eight denied and three were withdrawn.

*Report of*  
*Tree Warden*

CLARENCE R. BESTICK, *Tree Warden*

1947	1947
Appropriations	Expenditures
\$3,515.00	\$3,601.00

During the year \$1,000.00 has been spent on general care of the trees, \$1,801.00 for removing dead trees and limbs, \$300.00 for prevention of Dutch Elm Disease, and \$500.00 for setting out 100 new trees.

The condition of our trees is serious. The severe strains imposed upon them in past wind storms is becoming more and more evident in the fractured and dead wood showing.

The Dutch Elm Disease is a public threat and has been found present in five of our large elms. Sanitation is very important in our many elms as the Dutch Elm Disease is most apt to spread by the Elm Beetles inhabiting weakened elm trees. The town should take every step within its power to eradicate this disease and prevent it spreading.

If the town is to retain its arboreal beauty, we must keep up a sustained program of re-forestation to replace the many trees lost in the past as well as many of the veteran trees that we shall lose in the future.

*Report of*  
**Board of Health**

HERBERT B. HOLLIS, *Chairman*

DEANE R. WALKER, <i>Clerk</i>	JOHN J. ATKINSON
1947 Budget	\$26,292.49
Less:	
Unexpended balances	\$2,896.74
Receipts from all sources	3,581.93
Net cost of Department for 1947	6,478.67
	\$19,813.82

Six hundred and eighty-two cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Board of Health this year. We are greatly aided in the control of contagious diseases by the Braintree Visiting Nurse Association and the Braintree School Department.

To prevent Diphtheria the Board of Health conducts a Diphtheria Clinic each year for pre-school and school children. This clinic is held in the spring, usually starting in the month of April. This year owing to the prevalence of Diphtheria in several locations in the state, we added a Booster Clinic for the further protection of those children who had been immunized more than two years previously. Over 1800 children were given this added protection. About 400 children also were given three inoculations with Diphtheria Toxoid necessary for their immunization.

In order to help in the general health of the Town, we make a constant check of the milk delivered in Braintree. Samples are taken from the milk dealers every month and examined for bacteria. The milk in all cases this year was satisfactory, based on Massachusetts State Health Department standards. We also inspect meat and provision stores as well as all eating and drinking establishments periodically. No milk-borne or food-borne epidemics occurred in Braintree in 1947.

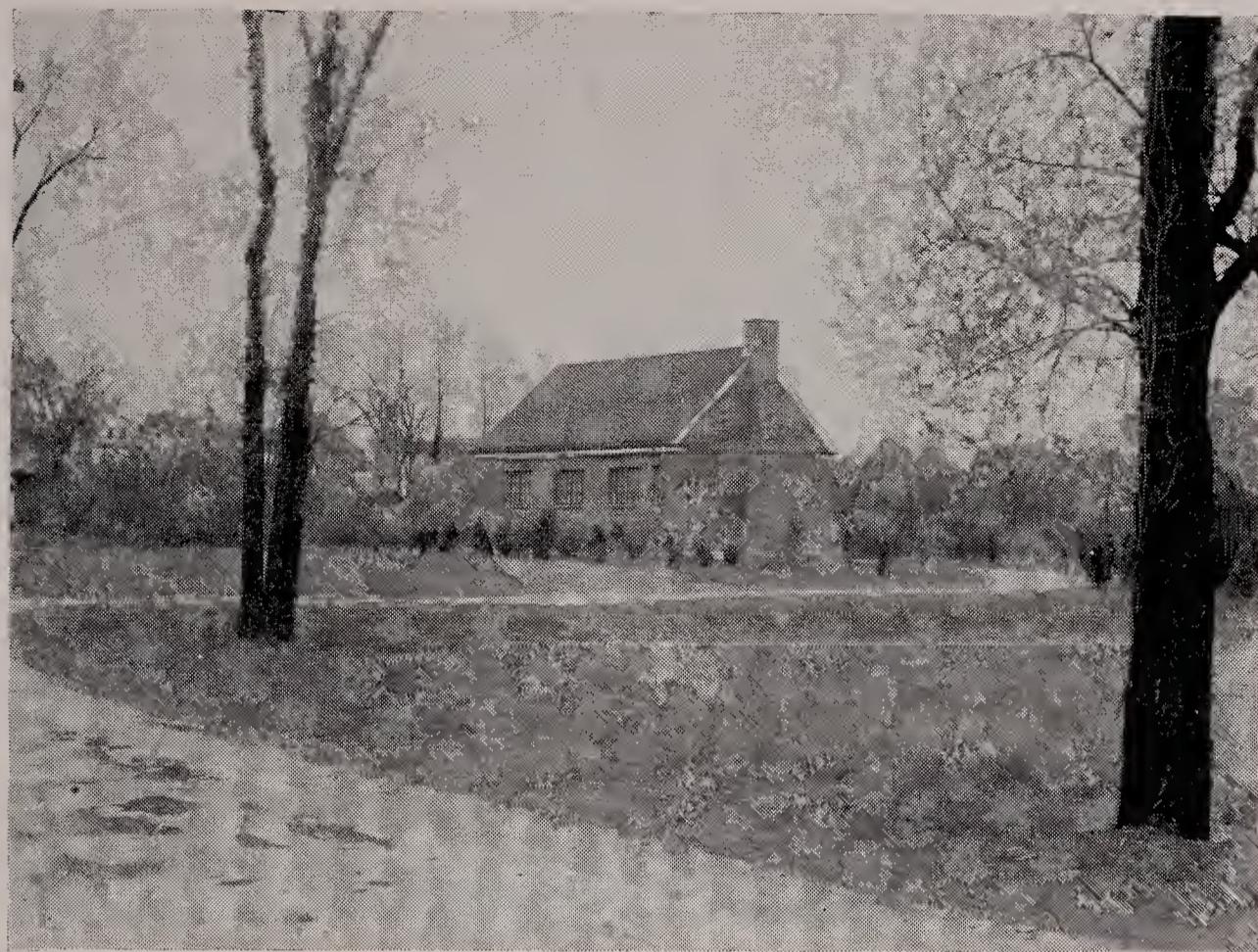
It is planned, provided an appropriation is made for the purpose at the annual town meeting, to have swab tests made to determine the presence of bacteria at each eating and drinking establishment in the town during alternating months.

Regulations for the installation of septic tanks were adopted and became operative this year. The plumbing inspection fees were increased to effect a more equitable net expense to the town.

Recommendations:

Extension of the public sewer system.

Bath house with toilet facilities at Sunset Lake.



*Common Street Pumping Station*

*Report of*

**Sewer Department**

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

BERNARD R. ANDREWS, *Chairman*

CHARLES C. TEMPLE

CLINTON I. BATES

GEORGE F. BROUSSEAU, *Superintendent*

1947	1947
Appropriations	Expenditures
\$213,109.64	\$199,947.00

We are pleased to report that all of the construction voted by the Town in 1946 and 1947 has been completed, and as many of the house connections made as the 1947 appropriation for that item would permit. This means that some more of the localities in dire need of connection into the system have now been taken care of, but unfortunately the proportion of work done since the war is piti-

fully small when compared to the total of all the areas where conditions are detrimental to the public health.

With no consideration given to areas that will be served only when the new pumping station is built in East Braintree, or the long pipe line run to the Highlands, and no allowance made for taking care of new building developments, it is estimated that \$450,000 is needed to defray the expense of laying sewers only in locations where petitions and complaints of owners, investigated by the Board of Health and ourselves, show the existence of deplorable conditions. We must proceed more rapidly.

During 1946 and 1947 about 62% of the cost of construction was included in the tax levy. The original assessment vote adopted in 1933 intended to include 40%. This comes about because the form of the original vote permits no adjustment for changing costs. It is expected that enabling legislation will be passed in time to permit the Town to take proper action at the 1948 Annual Meeting.

#### *Construction:*

Work on the uncompleted portion of the 1946 proposed construction was resumed again the first of March and completed by the latter part of October. The original contract was under Edward M. Matz, Inc., but on account of unsatisfactory progress this contract was suspended July 12 and the balance of the work re-advertised and let to John Williams Co., Inc.

The work authorized by the 1947 Town Meeting was advertised and proposals were received from ten contractors. The job was let to the Wes Construction Company and work was started about the first of June. All of the proposed work was completed by the first of November.

A total of 3.6 miles of new sewers were added to the sewerage system. The following tabulation shows the extent and distribution of the years' work; 8-inch vitrified clay sewer pipe was used throughout:

<b>Street</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Sewer Length Feet</b>
Arborway Drive	Argyle Road	Easterly	381
Ardmore Street	Argyle Road	Arthur Street	457
Arthur Street	Beechwood Road	Ardmore Street	360
Ash Street	Monatiquot Avenue	Southerly	259
Autumn Street	Right of Way	Arborway Drive	250
Azel Road	Franklin Street	Marshfield Road	595
Beechwood Road	Vinedale Road	Quincy Avenue	1,791
Bickford Road	Newton Street	Summit	397
Brow Avenue	Academy Street	Tremont Street	1,245
Claremont Street	Liberty Street	End	546
Cleveland Avenue	Merritt Avenue	Putnam Avenue	191
Devon Road	Right of Way	Dinkwater Avenue	347
Easement	Beechwood Road	Autumn Street	283
Easement (Lower)	Edgehill Road	Beechwood Road	152
Easement (Upper)	Edgehill Road	Beechwood Road	261
Easement	Main Sewer	Merritt Avenue	208
Easement	Morrison Road	Devon Road	130
Edgehill Road	3 — 74	Quincy Avenue	644
Elmwood Avenue	Franklin Street	Hobart Avenue	758
Lakeview Avenue	Franklin Street	Tremont Street	677
Liberty Street	Atherton Street	Claremont Street	258
Merritt Avenue	Jersey Avenue	Cleveland Avenue	624
Morrison Road	Adams Street	Drinkwater Avenue	347
Newton Avenue	Shaw Street	View Street	586
Newton Street	Newton Avenue	Bickford Road	249
Parkside Avenue	Abbott Street	Walnut Street	1,490
Putnam Avenue	Cleveland Avenue	End	253
Shaw Street	Allen Street	Wellington Street	1,764
Sheppard Avenue	Allen Street	Shaw Street	1,453
Storrs Avenue	Garland Street	Washington Street	595
Walnut Street	Parkside Avenue	Hollis Avenue	1,300
Total 1947 Construction.....(Feet)			19,124
Previous Construction .....(Miles)			24.0
Total Constructed to Date.....(Miles)			27.6

The streets in which sewers were constructed this year included considerable solid ledge rock. The total cost of doing the work amounted to \$157,343 or an average of \$8.23 per linear foot. This shows an increase in average cost of about 6% over the previous year.

A cesspool refuse disposal station, located near the corner of Union Street and Cleveland Avenue, was completed and ready for use late in December. A. C. Trojano Company, Inc. was the contractor. The purpose of the station is to remove sand and gravel from cesspool pumping before discharge into the sewer. The total cost of the

work to date amounts to \$7,346. There still remains some minor grading and road work to be done in the Spring.

On all of the construction work undertaken during the year the surveys were made by the Sewer Department and plans, specifications, record plans and profiles were prepared in the Sewer Department Office.

Many urgent requests for the extension of the sewerage system to serve their properties were received from residents in various sections of the Town. Petitions for sewers, signed by nearly everyone in the locality, were received during the year from the following streets: Arnold Street, Crawford Road, Crawford Street, Fairfield Street, Fountain Street, Hawthorn Road, Hobart Avenue, Holmes Street, Pearl Street, River Street, Washington Street and Wellington Street. In order to build sewers only in streets from which signed petitions have been received during the past two years would require an expenditure of about \$450,000.

#### *Assessments:*

483 sewer assessments, amounting to \$60,522.33 were levied for the construction work completed this year. The total assessment levy is now \$374,515.70.

#### *House Connections:*

There were 174 sewer connections, totaling 8,534 feet made to the system during the year at a total cost of \$23,521.58. The total number of connections is now 1,377. This year's new construction made the sewer available to 392 more houses and applications for connection were received from 150 of them.

There were 62 applications for sewer connection on file at the end of the year. Due to Winter conditions, it will not be practical to attempt any work on these applications until next Spring. However, the balance available in the House Connection appropriation at the end of the year was only sufficient to take care of about 6 more connections than were actually completed.

### *Maintenance:*

All of the main and lateral sewers were inspected and cleaned out during the early Winter months. Some roots were found in sewers in 20 of the streets but there were no stoppages.

About the first of June the sewer main in Shaw Street collapsed for about 75 feet north of the railroad crossing. This was caused by blasting for a water main in an adjacent trench. It was necessary to pump the sewage around the collapsed section while repairs were being made as this line takes all of the discharge from the pumping station on Brookside Road. The repairs cost \$907.62 and this has been billed to Pacella Bros., the contractors responsible for the damage, and the bill has been turned over to the Town Counsel to enforce collection.

Stoppages occurred in 6 sewer connections during the year due to root growths. All were promptly taken care of and put back into service again. All sewer connections, where trouble has been experienced in the past, were inspected and cleaned out where necessary.

A new impeller was installed in one of the pumps at the Brookside Road pumping station.

The temporary arrangement for the disposal of cess-pool pumpings through the sewers was discontinued after the end of December when the new disposal station on Union Street was ready for use.

### *Financial Statement:*

A complete financial analysis of all expenditures during the past year is on file in the Sewer Department Office and has been summarized in the Town Accountant's report.

*Report of*  
***Highway Department***

JOHN Q. WENTWORTH, *Superintendent*

The general maintenance of all our public streets was cared for throughout the year.

The following streets were accepted and constructed:

Newton Avenue	Sycamore Road
Williams Street	Common Street widening
Sterling Park	North Bowditch Street
Harbor Villa Avenue	Cavanaugh Road
Lincoln Street	Merritt Avenue



*Williams Street Before Construction*

The roadways and grading were completed at the Union Village Housing Project.

Drainage added to the system:

North Bowditch Street 300' 10" pipe, 3 catch basins, 1 manhole.

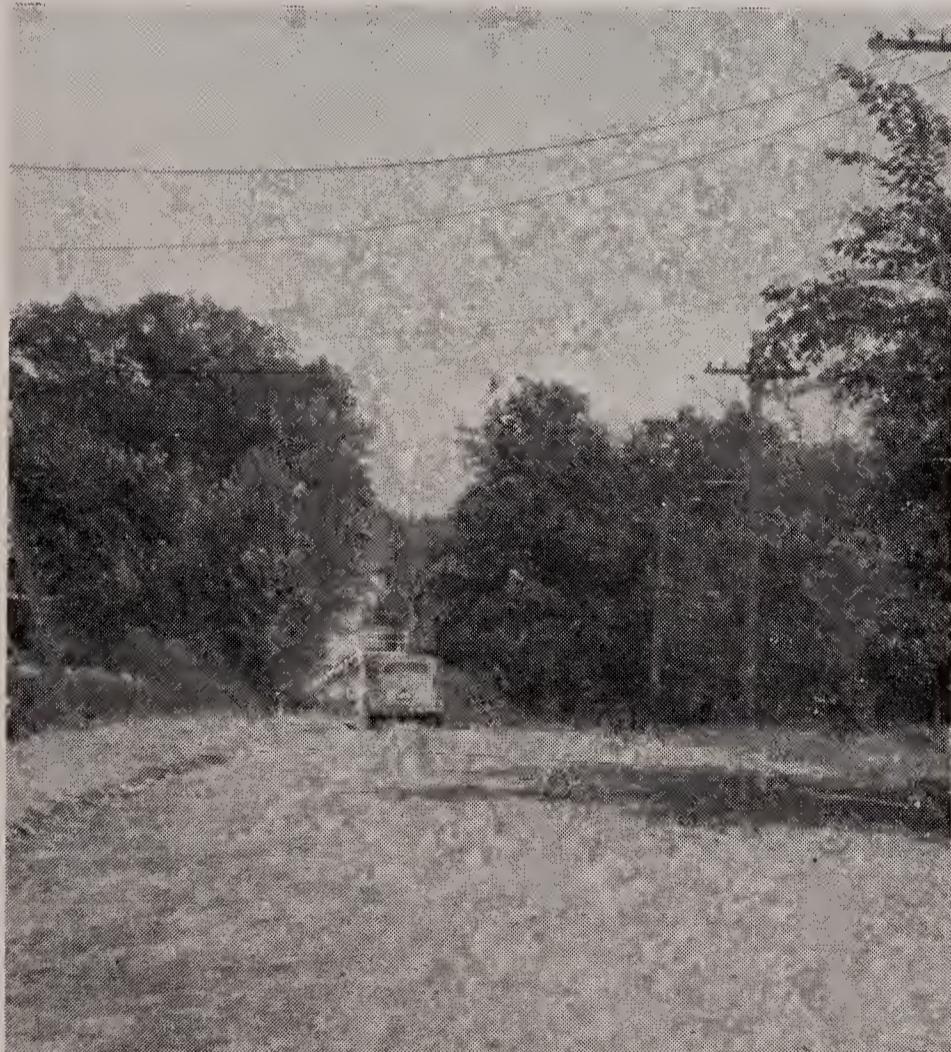
Lincoln Street 550' 10" pipe, 6 catch basins, 3 manholes.

Harbor Villa Ave. 460' 10" pipe, 4 catch basins, 2 manholes

Merritt Ave. 450' 10" pipe, 6 catch basins, 3 manholes.

Magnolia Street 1200' 24" pipe, 6 manholes.

French Estate, 150' 24" pipe, open trench 400'.



*Williams Street After Construction*



*Plowing West Street After December Storm*

A section of Liberty Street was constructed under so called Chapter 90 construction with the State sharing in the cost of construction. This project was not undertaken until late in the season so consequently will not be completed until next year.

The Thomas Watson School grounds were improved by the Highway Department for the School Department.

*Report of*

## *Municipal Light Board*

NORTON P. POTTER, *Chairman*

FRANK P. LORD, *Secretary*

SHELLEY A. NEAL, *Third Member*

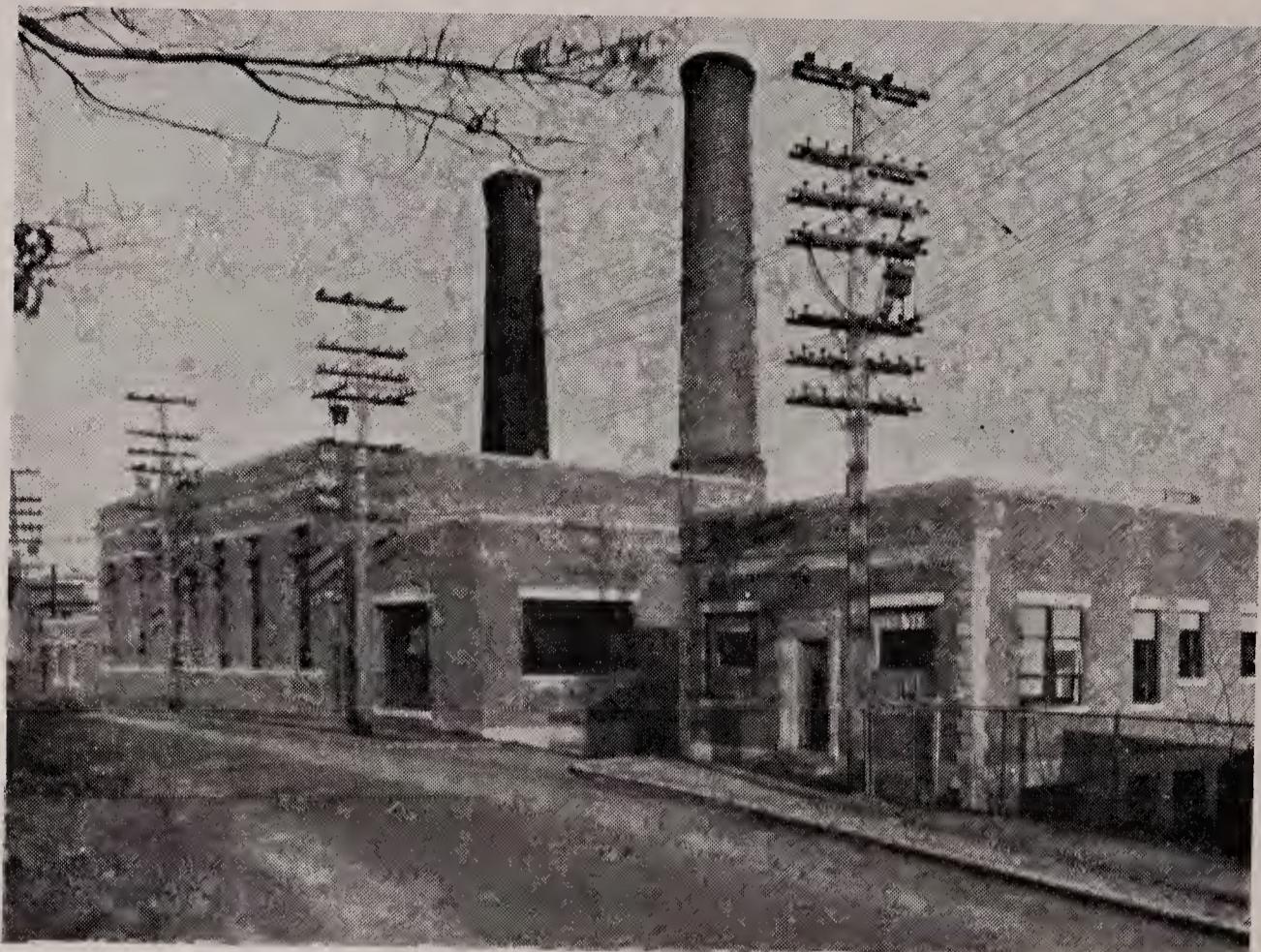
This year has shown a large increase in the total kilo-watt hours generated and purchased over 1946. In fact, the greatest in the history of the Plant.

There have been many increases in the fuel oil price. At the present time the cost per bbl. is \$3.51½. This is reflected in the increase in production costs. It is the hope of the Department that this has reached the maximum.

PRODUCTION COSTS			
	1947	1946	
KW. HRS. GENERATED AND PURCHASED	\$302,978.37	\$209,721.33	Increase \$93,257.04
KW. HRS. GENERATED AND PURCHASED			
	1947	1946	
Kw. Hrs. Generated	34,850,000	25,386,000	Increase 9,464.00
Kk. Hrs. Purchased	1,898,958	2,639,250	Decrease 740.292
Total	36,748,958	28,025,250	Increase 8,723,708
FUEL AND ENERGY COSTS			
	1947	1946	
Fuel Oil	\$223,385.98	\$127,249.83	Increase \$96,136.15
Purchased Power	28,075.65	33,648.60	Decrease 5,572.95
Total	\$251,461.63	\$160,898.43	Increase \$90,563.20
KW. HRS. SALES			
	1947	1946	
Total Sales	\$31,949,785	\$23,745,085	Increase 8,204,700

Due to the drought which has limited the hydro capacity of the New England Power Company, we have been able to assist them through this critical period by furnishing Weymouth Light and Power Company with our surplus capacity to the amount of 4,997,000 kwhrs.

The new 75,000 lb. per hr. Babcock & Wilcox integral boiler was put in operation in November after considerable delay in receiving critical materials. It is now functioning most satisfactorily.



*Braintree Electric Light Plant*

The installation of the new underground transmission lines to South Braintree is near completion. The duct and manhole covers have been installed and the remainder of the cable installation is to be finished by June of this year.

There has been a steady increase in the number of new services. As of December 31, 1947 there were 6388, an increase of 200 over 1946.

Following is presented the essential details showing the physical and operating conditions as prepared in accordance with the annual report to the Department of Public Utilities.

# BRAINTREE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT.

ERNEST T. FULTON, *Manager*

## REPORT OF YEAR, 1947

### ANALYSIS OF SALES

	Kwhrs.	Revenue
Domestic and Commercial	11,347,500	\$291,454.31
Industrial	14,036,652	228,742.98
Municipal	902,883	11,339.39
Street Lights	665,750	9,453.65
Weymouth Light & Power Co.	4,997,000	68,163.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,949,785</b>	<b>\$609,153.97*</b>

### OPERATING EXPENSES

#### PRODUCTION

Superintendence and Labor	\$35,686.35
Boiler Fuel	223,385.98
Water for Steam	668.61
Lubricants	72.52
Station Supplies and Expenses	380.26
Maintenance of Station Structures	1,386.82
Maintenance of Boiler Equipment	4,276.89
Maintenance of Turbo-Generator Units	4,860.68
Maintenance of Electric Equipment	567.98
Maintenance of Accessory Electric Equipment	3,461.47
Maintenance of Miscl. Power Plant Equipment	155.16
Electric Energy Purchased	28,075.65
	<b>\$302,978.37*</b>

#### TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION

Operation of Transmission and Distribution of Lines	\$13,866.25
Transmission and Distribution Supplies	2,183.00
Inspecting and Testing Meters	1,102.70
Removing and Resetting Meters	1,062.99
Removing and Resetting Transformers	424.39
Maintenance of Transformer Station & Sub-Station Equipment	77.15
Maintenance of Transmission & Distribution of Lines	22,144.63

Maintenance of Meters	1,182.72
Maintenance of Transformers	1,423.65
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	\$43,467.48
<b>UTILIZATION</b>	
Operation of Street Lamps	\$3,794.72
Replacement of Street Lamps	1,015.18
Supplies and Maintenance	490.67
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	\$5,300.57*
<b>GENERAL EXPENSE</b>	
Maintenance of Consumers Installations	\$4,344.53
Commercial Salaries	18,620.06
Salaries of Manager & Municipal Light Board	7,300.00
Office Salaries	6,051.23
General Office Expense	4,534.69
Insurance	5,535.43
Accidents and Damages	24.09
Maintenance of General Structures	549.25
Miscl. General Expense	117.22
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	\$47,076.50*
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
	\$56,824.13*
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF</b>	
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$455,647.05*
BOOK VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY	\$1,482,930.49*

<b>PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT</b>	
January 1, 1947, Balance	\$1,672,430.09
Transferred from Income	104,818.33
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1947	\$1,777,248.42*

<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>	
OPERATING REVENUE	\$609,153.97
OPERATING EXPENSES	455,647.05
Manufacturing Surplus	\$153,506.92
Miscl. Additions	1,311.41
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	\$154,818.33

Paid to Town of Braintree	\$50,000.00
TRANSFERRED TO PROFIT AND LOSS	<u>\$104,818.33*</u>

### BALANCE SHEET

#### ASSETS

Plant Investment	\$1,482,930.49
Petty Cash	200.00
Special Cash for Construction	81,843.88
Special Fund for Enlargement of Plant	5,500.00
Special Deposits	7,419.91
Accounts Receivable	72,578.84
Materials and Supplies	21,756.36
Depreciation Fund	287,983.05
Prepaid Insurance	9,124.54
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,969,337.07*</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	.00
Consumers Deposits	7,419.91
Loans Repayments	\$46,168.74
Appropriations for Construction Repay.	133,000.00      179,168.74
Unadjusted Credits	5,500.00
Profit and Loss	1,77,248.42
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,969,337.07*</b>

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

BRAINTREE	\$4,652.01
EAST BRAINTREE	3,708.23
SOUTH BRAINTREE	12,837.97
CONTRACTS & SPECIAL RATES	49,752.93
MUNICIPAL	1,627.70
	<u>\$7,578.84*</u>

### DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT

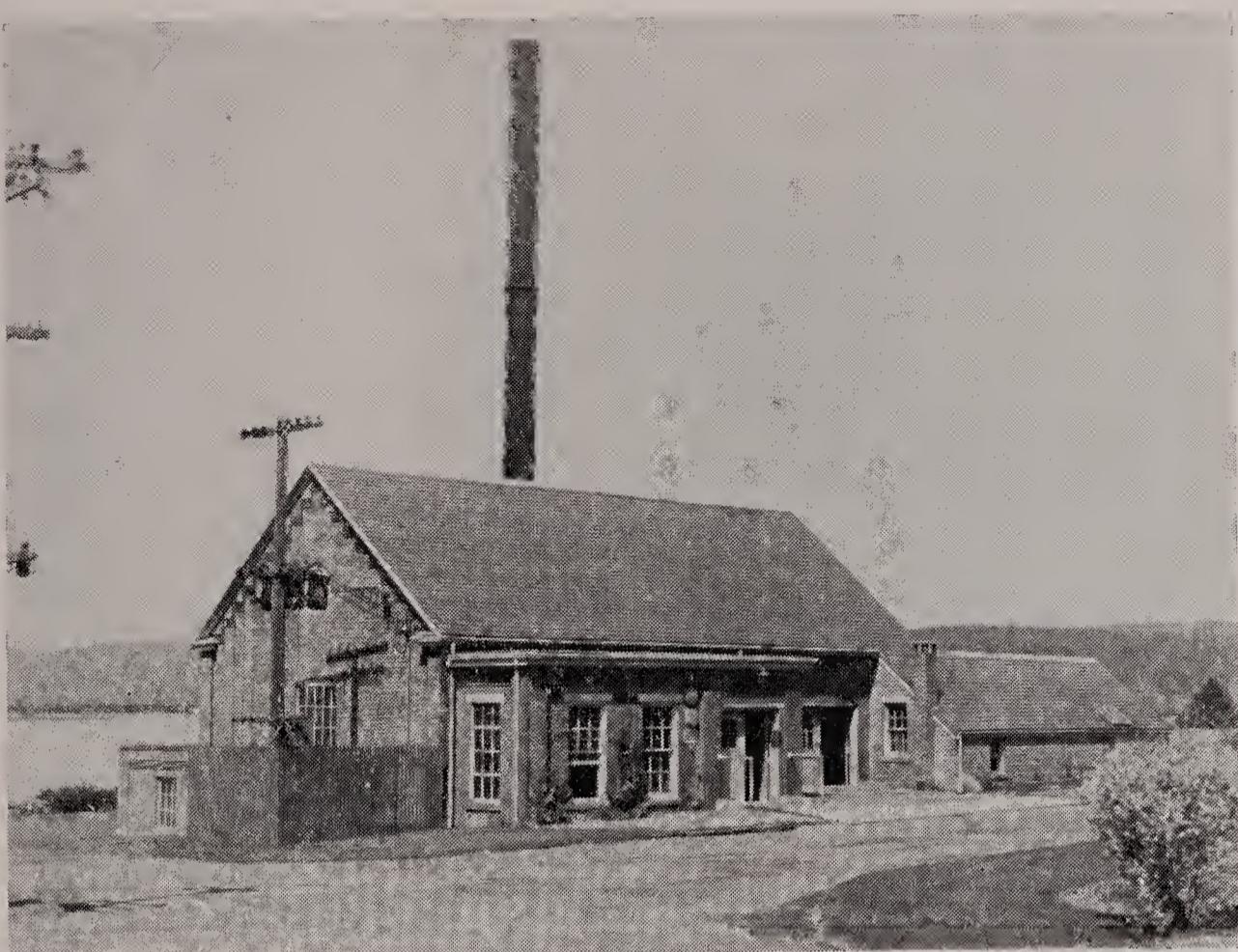
JANUARY 1, 1947, Balance	\$391,348.68
Net Transfer from Income	56,824.13
Interest	482.46
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Expenditures	\$448,655.27
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DEPRECIATION BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1947	\$160,672.22
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CASH RECEIVED AS PER CASHBOOK	\$287,983.05*
PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$579,926.83
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BALANCE	\$579,926.83
OPERATING CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1947	\$ .00
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	\$72,912.26

### CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1947	\$133,104.69
PAID TO TOWN OF BRAINTREE	50,000.00
EXPENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION	74,173.07
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BALANCE	\$8,931.62
TRANSFERRED FROM OPERATING	
CASH BALANCE	\$72,912.26
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CONSTRUCTION BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1947	\$81,843.88*

### MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Debit	
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1947	.00
ERNEST T. FULTON, Manager	\$579,926.83
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	\$579,926.83*
Credit	
PAID BY ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS	\$507,014.57
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1947	72,912.26
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	\$579,926.83*



*Great Pond Pumping Station*

*Report of  
Braintree Water Department*

Commissioners

THOMAS E. SEARS, *Chairman*

JOSEPH LANDERS

WILLARD P. SHEPPARD

GEORGE N. WATSON, *Superintendent*

The Water Department must be prepared at all times to furnish to all of its customers an adequate supply of pure palatable water at proper pressure so that the water will always be available for the user. In addition we are expected to furnish in all sections of the Town a sufficient supply of water for fire protection.

To meet such requirements entail the operation and maintenance of an adequate water supply, pumping equipment, purification plant, storage facilities and distribution

system. The size of these facilities is based more upon the maximum demand for services than on the volume of water actually used daily.

Improvements and additions to the water system started in 1946 and completed this year at a cost of \$261,000—include the construction of a Booster Station and Elevated Storage Tank in the Highlands section; replacing the old steam pump with a 2.5 M.G.D. centrifugal pump with auxiliary gasoline engine; installing a double action altitude valve at the West Street standpipe and reinforcing the distribution system by laying 20,000 feet of 12 inch pipe, 5,000 feet of 10 inch pipe, 5,000 feet of 8 inch pipe and 2,600 feet of 6 inch pipe.

Rates are established so that all who enjoy the convenience of the water supply will share in the expense of its operation. The more water that is used, the greater is ones share in the operating expense.

#### COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

We collected from	1946	1947
Cash on hand Jan. 1	\$4,135.26	\$97,754.66
Sale of Bonds	242,000.00	
Collections during year	120,867.27	151,868.75
	367,002.53	249,623.41
We spent for:		
Adm.—Maint. & Operation	\$101,735.35	110,474.41
Major Improvements	162,373.77	98,785.10
Amortization & Interest	5,138.75	25,496.40
	\$269,247.87	234,755.91
CASH BALANCE Dec. 31	\$97,754.66	\$14,867.50
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE Dec. 31		
Water Rates	\$14,580.46	\$20,579.77
Material & Labor	1,495.48	1,580.31
Liens committed to Assessors	.....	330.12
	\$16,075.94	\$22,490.20

*Report of*

## *Engineering Department*

JOHN J. DRINKWATER, *Town Engineer*

No. of Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1946	4	\$9,730.75
1947	4	10,051.00

Lines and grades have been furnished to the Highway Department for the following: Road Construction—Common Street (portion of), Cavanagh Road, Lincoln Street, Merritt Avenue, North Bowditch Street, Prospect Street (portion of), Sterling Park, Sycamore Road and Williams Street. Drains—Harrison Avenue from swamp to existing drain, Lincoln Street, Merritt Avenue, Magnolia Street to Front Street, North Bowditch Street, Pleasant View Avenue, Torrey Road from end to swamp, Vinedale Road, French Estate from Washington Street to the railroad, and Williams Street.

Gutter grades were furnished to the Highway Department for Conrad Street from Roberts Street to the Quincy Line and Fairfield Street from Holmes Street 300' south.

Miscellaneous projects consist of the following: Plans for Drain Easements off Vinedale Road, off Harrison Avenue, off Pleasant View Avenue and off Torrey Road. Survey and layout plans: Liberty Street Widening from Lincoln Street 700' south, Hoyle Avenue from Hayward Street 335' north, Thayer Road Ext. from end of present layout to Allen Street. Lines and grades were given property owners on accepted streets upon request.

All deeds and subdivisions have been checked and plotted accordingly on Assessors Plans, together with two hundred and five new buildings and additions.

Eight pole locations have been staked for the Electric Light Department.

*Report of*  
***The School Committee***  
ELMER G. DERBY, *Chairman*  
ARCHIE T. MORRISON, *Recording Secretary*  
SOPHIE G. BLUNT HELEN M. HARMON  
OVIDIO D. CHIESA  
RALPH W. PROCTOR, *Superintendent*

The year 1947 has been one of progressive accomplishments in the long range program for the Braintree School System.

It is the purpose of the School Committee to promote the organization of the School System on the most practical and economical basis of modern educational practice.

A residential town such as Braintree is often judged, by newcomers and prospective home owners, almost exclusively on its school facilities. Over nine hundred homes have been built in Braintree in the past eight years, and many more are to be expected in the next few years.

As you can see from the accompanying report of the Superintendent of Schools, a great deal has been accomplished in achieving a high standard of teaching, an improvement in courses offered, and a considerable improvement in the upkeep of our present school plant.

The long-sought-for addition to the High School will become a reality during 1948 as a result of a unanimous vote of the Special Town Meeting of December 29, 1947.

The adoption of an adult evening program has met with instantaneous response.

The lighting system in all elementary schools will be completely renovated this year, finishing a program initiated two years ago.

We are still faced with major problems in school housing, as increased birth rates indicate a 50% increase

in grade school registration within the next few years and our school transportation problem is still far from satisfactory.

To be sure that our long range program is well set up, we have called upon Dr. William K. Wilson of the New York State Department of Education to assist us in setting up our building program to take care of the post-war school enrollment adequately, and, at a later date, to allow us to retain only modern buildings and eliminate any antiquated structures over a period of time.

We have every confidence in our present Superintendent, his administrators and teachers, who are doing an excellent job under present conditions. Continued improvements in working tools bring promise of even better educational value in the Braintree School System.

In closing we wish to call the attention of the Town to the many years of faithful service on the School Board of Mr. G. Ralph Young, who resigned after five years of service, and Mr. Howard B. Blewett, who retired after fifteen years of service, and Mr. Herbert O. Boardman who retired after a year of his current term.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*General*

I herewith submit my second report, the first to include a full calendar year—1947. Much progress may be reported; more than originally anticipated. I have had in mind a five-year plan for improvement of our schools: with certain objectives and progress points to be reached each year. It is a pleasure to report that the superb co-operation evidenced by all members of the staff has carried our progress in one year through the point scheduled for the end of the second year.

There is not only a definite trend, but a sincere desire on the part of the teachers to professionally improve

their teaching methods. Much interest of this nature has been stimulated by the active participation of the teachers in the course of study discussion groups. Teachers have in general reflected that spirit of cooperation and open-mindedness so necessary to growth and progress in any field.

There has been a need for teacher guidance in developing a systematic procedure for teaching Penmanship. By the adoption of the Rhinehart method this need has been adequately met. One has only to visit the classrooms and observe the improvement in the pupil's writing to substantiate this fact.

#### *B. H. S.*

In Braintree High Shool the reorganized Program of Studies has worked out well. Except for a few minor changes suggested by the experiences of this year, the work offered next year will be the same as this present year.

Since the opening of school in September a Student Council has been formed. Preliminary foundation was made last year and the council is now operating with considerable success. Pupils, in general, seem to be genuinely interested.

In the agitation for the new building, the limelight has been turned on the unfavorable conditions under which the high school has been working for the past fifteen years. Over-critical individuals with no interest in the high school have been quick to take advantage of the situation. It should be remembered that, in spite of the double-session handicap, Braintree High School has, for thirty years, had a good rating among such colleges as Boston University, Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, etc., as a school which had a reputation for high standards.



*Spell It Out for Braintree High School*

### *Grammar Schools*

During the later part of June this year, the School Committee formally decided to combine the 7th and 8th grades of the Highlands and Noah Torrey Schools beginning with the opening of school in September. Some economy was possible in this combination which formed a sufficiently large group of pupils in grades 7 and 8 to permit the introduction of departmental work. The experiment has worked out well, and seems to set a pattern of economy and efficiency that may well be adopted in the other districts.

In Course of Study work, we have now completed the reorganization of the Reading and Arithmetic programs; during 1947-8 emphasis is being placed on Social Studies (history and geography), and Language, and Handwriting. During 1948-9 Science, Health and Safety, will be revised. The unusual attention of the faculty to the reorganization of these subjects has been noted above.

Through the administration of tests we have tried to analyse and diagnose our children's difficulties in order that a more satisfactory program could be provided.

### *Supplies*

In order to actually effect the reorganization of the work in the classrooms new textbooks, supplementary and library books, maps, visual-aids and much other material is needed. A teacher is, or should be, an artist. She works with human material. She must know the material with which she works, and, also the best manner in which to work with each piece which comes under her care. We must not ask our teachers to continue to work with jack-knives and expect society to receive the best possible type of citizens. It would appear to be a very shortsighted policy to provide plenty of quality of tools for our cabinet-maker to work in wood and to refuse, or fail, to furnish our teachers with the best teaching tools available to assist boys and girls in the difficult task of educating themselves.

For many years the funds available for "Books and Supplies" have been extremely limited, with the result that textbooks are out-moded, in poor condition, or non-existent, to meet the most meagre requirements. This condition coupled with price increases of 25% in textbooks, 60% in supplies, and 66 2-3% in typewriters causes a substantial increase in the budget requirements.

Under this item, also, requests for funds to improve the physical education program, to assist in equipping and insuring athletic teams, and to provide musical instruments for use of beginning pupils in grades 4 - 5 are included for the first time. The improvement of these programs is dependent on provision of these funds.

### *Repairs and Maintenance*

We now have 23 elementary rooms equipped with fluorescent lights; 60 more to be done.



### *Bienvenido*

The grading of the Watson grounds represents a major improvement appreciated by everyone concerned.

Two school buildings, the Hollis and Lincoln have been completely redecorated; also the Watson auditorium, and Highlands and Watson exteriors were painted. In four buildings oil has been removed from floors and a modern penetrating-seal applied. No oil is now used on any school floor in Braintree.

A complete sound-distribution system has been installed throughout both Noah Torrey Schools.

Grounds at Watson and Perkins schools have been fenced in.

### *Health Service*

For the purpose of offering service based on more accurate information, the Health Service Department is being completely reorganized. The vision testing program was changed by discarding the Snellen Eyechart

method and substituting the Massachusetts vision Testing Machine in its place. The latter method is the most modern way of testing eyes and is approved by the American Medical Association.

For hearing tests we substituted the puretone audiometer method for the whisper test. It will be possible now to record hearing losses from year to year.

Each teacher is furnished a comprehensive sheet on which all pertinent information relative to physical handicap of children in her room is noted.

### *Dental Situation*

It has been my feeling that more time and money should be spent on dental inspection and follow-up. Checking over the records of the dental clinic certainly confirmed this opinion. The State Department is cooperating to the extend of conducting a survey in our schools to determine the extent of our needs.

One of our projects for next year should be, I believe, a drive for better dental care and education.

### *Diphtheria Clinic*

Since an increasing number of diphtheria cases were reported throughout the state in the spring, it was felt advisable to include the booster shots in the health program for the Braintree school children. One thousand three hundred and forty-four children successfully took the booster shots while one hundred and seventy were given the standard diphtheria shot.

### *Health Inspection*

By the addition of a second nurse to the Health Department, we have made it possible to check all High School students returning to school from absences caused by illness. Medical excuses are necessary to be excused from gym attendance and we have set up nurse-student conference methods on health and guidance problems.



### *Library Staff*

The bulletin sent out this fall has served to clarify the duties of the classroom teacher and has made for much better cooperation between the teacher and the Health Department. The teachers have done a fine job this year and have aided us immensely. In most cases we are now telling the parent, rather than having the parent complain to us.

### *Safety Report*

Safety is being constantly stressed in the eight grammar schools in Braintree, under the leadership of the eight Safety Directors—namely—Olive Fisher, Watson School, Beatrice Diekmeyer, Jonas Perkins, Florence Jeffers, Highlands, Ellen Fahey, Noah Torrey, Doris Pratt, Monatiquot School, Celia Osborne, Hollis, Mary Inkley, Penniman and Martha Scully, Abraham Lincoln School. Frequent meetings are held whereby a uniform safety program is being carried on in each school, and safety problems are discussed and improved upon. At present, we are using a monthly outline for Guidance of Teachers in presenting Safety Instruction. This is proving successful.

School Patrols in Braintree have been much publicized for their good work as Braintree has been quoted as one of the outstanding patrol systems in Massachusetts. This is due to the fine supervision of the Directors, the leadership of Sgt. Illingworth assigned by the Police Department, and the eager constructive work of the patrol members, whose duties are to protect their schoolmates—in, and out of schools. In the classroom sound safety rules are taught and on the street these rules are applied. Fixed safety habits are instilled and a sense of responsibility to the community, so that each child will become a safe citizen for tomorrow.

Every school day of the year safety is in evidence in our schools. Braintree should well be proud of its safety work for it is a practical working program for the protection of youth.

### *Guidance*

The work of the elementary guidance department has revolved almost entirely around individual adjustments of children who, for one of many reasons, are not working at their intellectual capacity.

The adjustments have involved enrichment of the curriculum at grade level, advancement in grade placement, attitude adjustments, changes in social environment, special class placement, and removal from special class to normal class placement. All of these adjustments are being well taken care of by the classroom teachers within the classroom situation.

In addition to the classroom adjustments we have a large group of pupils who require more help than can be provided under regular classroom conditions, and added impetus will be given to the guidance work as soon as provisions can be made for giving many pupils individual aid in particular subject areas. This aid may be carried out in the reading area by remedial teachers and, in many cases where more than the reading area is involved, by the for-

mation of a class where a child may be aided individually for as long a period of time as his difficulty or difficulties require.

There are many cases where a child with average ability is handicapped in his scholastic endeavors as he advances through the middle grades and upper grades because of a poor foundation in the fundamentals of reading. This type of retardation may be overcome when individual help is given by a teacher who is trained to diagnose the child's difficulties and then follow through with a well-planned remedial program.

#### *P. T. A.*

The Parent-Teacher Associations in all schools have been unusually cooperative in assisting their respective schools in both a financial and social manner. Luncheons have been successful, Halloween parties undertaken, ath-



#### *Science*

letic and visual education material furnished, and support of school enterprises evident. Plans for their regular meetings seem to be well formulated and activities under way. The department wishes to express its appreciation for the interest and assistance of the P.T.A.'s.

### *New Teachers*

During the year it has been necessary to obtain:

- 5 replacement teachers for B. H. S.
- 11 replacement teachers for grades
- 3 additional teachers for grades
- 2 Assistant Principals
- 1 Janitor
  

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- 22 changes

I am glad to be able to report that all these new employees have made good adjustment to our system, and are doing superior work.

### *Long-Range Program*

In the 1946 report 10 items needed to improve Braintree Schools were listed.

Of these No. 1—addition to B. H. S. (approved)

- 2—better classroom lighting (funds provided)
- 3—improvements to playgrounds (Watson School done)
- 4—classroom and supply situation (increased funds requested)
- 5—introduction of Industrial Arts in B. H. S. (in process)
- 6—improvements in lunchrooms (accomplished)
- 7—stronger 7 & 8 grade organization (in South District)
- 8—expansion of testing and guidance services (under way)
- 9—modernization of Courses of Study and teaching procedures (partly completed)
- 10—improvement in teachers Salary Schedule (substantial improvement)

Therefore a revised and reduced list of needs on which to concentrate is as follows:

- No. 1—expansion of Elementary School housing facilities.
- 2—improvements in playgrounds at Perkins and Lincoln Schools.
- 3—extension of consolidated 7 & 8 grade organization to North and East Districts.
- 4—continued improvement and revision of Course of Study and teaching procedures.

#### *Elementary School Housing Situation*

In 1936 there were 234 births in Braintree.  
In 1946 there were 463 births in Braintree.  
In 1947 established number of births is 640.  
In September 1946, 277 children entered Kindergarten  
In September 1947, 383 children entered Kindergarten  
In September 1948, 450 children expected in Kindergarten.

Because of the increase in numbers, and lack of available additional classrooms, it became necessary to place all Kindergartens except Colbert and Highlands on double session. As these children progress into the higher grades additional room and additional teachers will be necessary.

A table of enrollment by grades as of November 21, 1947 is given:

Grade 8 —	257
7 —	249
6 —	286
5 —	249
4 —	282
3 —	280
2 —	347
1 —	327
Kindergarten —	383
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	2660

The beginning of the "wave" of increased enrollments will be seen at present in the 2nd grade. Following these enrollments for 10 years progress gives an estimated enrollment in 1957 of 4110 in the elementary grades. On this basis the elementary schools will need 55 additional rooms during this ten year period. After considerable study of the future housing problem it is recommended that the following steps be considered as the most economical, and educationally satisfactory, be taken to provide the necessary housing.

- a.) Relieve strain temporarily by adding to one school in East, and one in North District sufficiently to care for combined 7 and 8 grades in each district.
- b.) Enlarge all other schools (except Perkins and Monatiquot) to 14 classrooms.
- c.) Replace Perkins and Monatiquot with new 14 room buildings.

The School Committee has retained Dr. William Wilson, Director of School Buildings and Grounds for State of New York to make more intensive study of future growth and housing needs. Dr. Wilson's preliminary report should be available by February 15, 1948.

### *Testing Program*

Braintree Public Schools were one of two communities cooperating last spring with World Book Company in a research program in connection with the revision of the Metropolitan Achievement Tests. In this program all tests and services were provided without cost to the Town. Each child grades 1-8 was given a general ability test and also an achievement test covering all subjects at his grade level.

The statistical analysis of the data and report based upon this analysis would cost a large sum if undertaken locally. A conservative estimate of the value of these tests plus the report would be at least a dollar per pupil.

Through the Division of Research and Test Service of the World Book Company, the services of Dr. Kvaraceus of Boston University have been made available for consultation and interpretation of test results. Dr. Kvaraceus has previously met wth Chairmen of the Course of Study committees. On Wednesday afternoon November 12, he discussed the results with the entire teaching staff of the elementary schools.

The program provides an excellent basis for examining the local curriculum. The information thus obtained may be used in the revision of curricula, change of textbooks, etc. The most important use, however, is in the analysis of the strengths and weakness of each pupil in every subject field. Teachers now have this material available and are using it to adjust classroom teaching emphasis to the needs of individual children.

### *Achievement by Test Results*

The results for all grades in the various elementary subjects are summarized as follows:

In terms of months above or below grade level:

*Summary* It will be seen that Braintree pupils rank consistently above normal expectations in Reading, Vocabulary, Language, Literature, History, Geography, and Science.

Weaknesses are evident in Spelling grades 6 and 7; and in Arithmetic grades 6-8. Then tests were given in May, 1947. In September, 1947 a complete new program in Arithmetic was introduced with emphasis designed to overcome the arithmetic weakness which was evident also from previous tests. This step should improve the achievement in arithmetic during the present school year. The spelling program in grades 6 and 7 is also receiving careful analysis and attention.

## (2) Achievement by School Marks

The distribution of marks in percentages for Braintree High School:

	A	B	C	D	F	INC.
1945-6	3	22	39	26	10	?
1946-7	10	34.5	35.5	15.5	4.3	4.2
	—	—	—	—	—	—
Change	+7	+12.5	-3.5	-10.5	-5.7	—

Failures were reduced 57% ; D's reduced 40% ; B's increased 57%, A's increased 23.3%. The reduction in failures in B. H. S. and the grades was almost identical =57%. Only 46 pupils (1.4%) in the grades failed of promotion. The marked improvement is attributable to better teaching techniques; better interpretation of the marking system, more effective guidance, revised courses of study, attention to individual differences.

TABLE II—PER PUPIL COST

SCHOOL YEAR 1946-47

## Cities and Towns Arranged In Order of Population

	1945 Population	Net Av. Membership	1947 Valuation	1947 Tax Rate	Cost Per Pupil
Belmont	38,866	3,748	54,174,550.	= 31.00	182.19
Melrose	27,971	3,663	39,984,000	= 36.00	139.55
Weymouth	27,957	4,393	53,331,728.	= 32.00	139.69
Beverly	26,814	3,320	39,908,000.	= 42.40	160.87
Framingham	25,502	3,574	36,615,037.	= 40.00	143.24
Northampton	24,977	2,434	20,073,000.	= 39.80	164.37
Gloucester	24,862	3,484	39,825,000.	= 45.00	135.52
Leominster	23,549	2,381	24,330,000.	= 45.00	155.86
Methuen	23,160	2,636	19,300,415.	= 54.00	155.08
Attleboro	22,375	3,075	31,011,000.	= 36.00	132.09
Peabody	22,303	2,772	22,998,000.	= 43.80	147.52
No. Adams	22,230	2,817	21,782,000.	= 47.00	128.34
Milton	21,718	3,412	39,461,920.	= 37.00	160.39
Braintree	20,279	3,412	29,951,025.	= 37.00	140.93
Gardner	20,245	1,933	22,331,000.	= 32.80	140.60
Westfield	19,956	2,359	21,744,000.	= 39.00	167.67
Woburn	19,886	2,763	21,879,000.	= 35.00	139.87
W. Springfield	19,453	2,450	29,379,954.	= 29.20	154.56
Winthrop	18,696	2,762	24,192,900.	= 37.00	141.06
Wakefield	18,677	2,483	23,342,885.	= 37.20	139.12
Wellesley	17,581	2,676	48,153,480.	= 32.80	166.11
Southbridge	17,561	1,489	14,558,885.	= 51.40	147.39
Greenfield	17,020	2,189	25,007,025.	= 36.00	143.14
Saugus	16,662	2,793	18,315,691.	= 41.20	114.45
Dedham	16,659	2,425	27,441,500.	= 35.00	155.04
Norwood	16,508	1,851	29,914,700.	= 37.00	208.02
Milford	15,801	1,572	15,149,450.	= 40.60	160.64
Natick	15,789	2,480	20,387,825.	= 39.60	129.48
Marlboro	15,680	1,481	15,412,000.	= 44.00	148.73
Winchester	15,300	2,381	35,677,200.	= 32.80	187.51

Average Tax Rate = 38.88

State Average Per Pupil Cost 152.88

Braintree — Population — 14th

Membership — 6th

Valuation — 10th

Tax Rate — 16th — 18th

Per Pupil Cost — 20th

## Membership and Attendance

Pupils enrolled October 1, 1946.....	3491
Average daily attendance .....	3224
Average membership .....	3424
Percent attendance .....	94.05

## Employees 1947-1948

					1947-1948 Rate
	Elem.	High School	Special Subjects	Total	Total Salaries
Teachers	96	46	10	152	\$385,757.69
Misc.	18	Janitors			
	10	Health			
	8	Secretaries			
	1	Superintendent			
	1	Sup. of Attendance		38	69,990.14
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				190	\$455,747.83

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Teachers' Salaries (including Principals, Directors, Supervisors and 6 Secretaries)	\$399,968.10
Administration	13,183.93
Tels., Printing, Postage, etc.	2,334.35
Research & Professional Study	709.07
Textbooks & Supplies	28,171.93
Principals' Travel	683.57
Janitors' Salaries	30,664.54
Fuel	12,354.19
Light, Water & Misc. Operating	10,298.21
Repairs and Improvements	38,438.98
Nurses, Physicians & Health Sup.	4,944.83
Transportation	15,477.42
Tuition	4,399.53
Misc, Auxiliary	560.41
Outlay	9,386.61
Emergency Fund (inc. Auxiliary Lighting)	2,547.81
Hollis School Boiler	1,212.80
Watson School Grounds	6,497.22
Lunchroom Equipment	2,991.25
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	\$584,824.75

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN ON ACCOUNT OF THE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Massachusetts School Fund	\$29,910.00
State Reimbursement (on tuition paid)	1,750.10
Tuition (State Wards and others)	1,566.31
Miscellaneous	1,118.59
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Net Cost to Town for Support of Schools	\$34,345.00
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	\$550,479.75

*Report of*

## *Trustees of Thayer Library*

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The Trustees of the Thayer Public Library earnestly hope that every citizen who has a copy of the Annual Report of the Town of Braintree for the year 1947 will carefully read our librarian's report of the Thayer Public library and its branches. It is astonishing that our librarian and her staff have been able to carry on their work in such hopelessly cramped quarters with such efficiency, cheerfulness, and ever widening service. Think of it, the circulation of our books during the year 1947 has increased 28,157. It is the busiest year, as our librarian points out, in the library's history.

Of special significance in the report is the final paragraph "Where Do We Stand?" The Thayer Public Library was constructed almost seventy-five years ago for a town that then had a population of scarcely 4,000 people. No wonder one of our Finance Committee Chairmen, reporting for his committee, made a recommendation a few years ago to the citizens of the Town of Braintree as follows: "We regret to state that the citizens of the Town of Braintree lack in civic pride. Much work remains to be done in this respect. One project worthy of attention is our public library system. Studies should be made for a new library building with adequate reading room. We recommend that our Library Board work toward this as a postwar project."

The Town of Braintree now has the most deplorable library conditions in any town of the Commonwealth, included in the range of towns between 15,000 and 25,000 population. The Town stands condemned because of its apathy and negligence in reference to library affairs.

This year the Trustees of the Thayer Public Library and the Citizens' Committee are inserting in the town warrant an article to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase or eminent domain a lot of land for the purpose of constructing thereon a public library. The Joint Committee has worked long and hard to select a site for this community project. If the lot of land is not purchased in the near future, there is every possibility that the lot of land will be lost for use by the Town. The purchase of this land should serve as a pledge on the part of our fellow citizens that positive action leading to the construction of a new library will be undertaken in the near future. The Board of Trustees of the Thayer Public Library earnestly asks you to be a friend of the library. In many of our towns in Massachusetts an organization known as "Friends of the Library" has been effective, and much valuable work has been done to arouse the interest of citizens.

Such an organization should be formed in the Town of Braintree. Recently Robert Staughton Lynd said: "If the library is to get past being a symbol, like the flag, it must have a body of friends who will work for it in season and out. It must get over being an outpost that is taken for granted."

Never have we needed more a group of citizens, men, women, and appreciative youth, too, who have become acquainted with the services of our library, highly value its services, and are willing to help interpret the library's program to the community. Such a group in our present urgent need should serve as a loyal bodyguard, informed, interested, and eagerly willing to serve. We hope the friends of the Thayer Public Library will grow in number, in effort, and in influence so that we may advance as speedily as possible the project of a new library for the Town of Braintree that shall be adequate for postwar needs.

*Report of*

## *The Librarian, Thayer Public Library*

Twenty-two miles of books stretched end to end.

A continuously moving belt of books running from Boston to Brockton.

This pictures a stream of books going out of the library in the arms of 8200 Braintree citizens.

This means a circulation of 180,643 books during the year 1947, an increase of 28,167; the busiest year in the library's history.

### BOYS. AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENT

The interest of boys and girls in reading accounted for the greater part of this increase. The work which Mrs. Blair started with the schools last year has grown and grown, so that the circulation from the school deposits amounted to 24,000 or about half of the juvenile circulation at the Main Library. In many cases the teachers

have transported their own school deposits, but many times teachers have no means of transportation. To cover these cases, several women from the Parent-Teachers Associations of the various districts have volunteered to be on call to distribute the boxes. We are grateful to the following for their help:

Mrs. George Killam—Penniman School  
Mrs. Conlan Warren—Monatiquot School  
Mrs. Howard Williams—Hollis School  
Mrs. Jackson Merriam—Hollis School  
Mrs. John Payson—Highlands School

They have been ready and willing when called. However, with the increase in these deposits, some permanent arrangements should be made for their delivery.

In November during Book Week, Mrs. Blair arranged an exhibit of books at the Noah Torrey Primary and Grammar Schools; an exhibit was also arranged by Mrs. Emerson at the Highlands School. Not only have books been sent to the schools, but teachers have brought their classes to visit the library. Over 20 classes visited us during the year, and Book Week brought all of the first six grades from the Monatiquot School. Mrs. Blair showed many of the new books, sometimes telling a short story from one of them. The children were made to feel at home and were told it was *their* Children's Room. These visits had a great effect on the number of children who became regular borrowers.

Girl Scouts have been very helpful in the children's room this year. Several girls in working for their Community Service Badge came on different days and worked helping Mrs. Blair with clerical duties so that she would have more time for helping boys and girls select books.

A most successful Story Hour was started this summer, and here again the Girl Scouts were helpful. A group of Senior Scouts had been having a course in Story Telling at the Day Camp, and for practice two scouts a week assisted Mrs. Blair in telling stories. Miss Muriel Preston was in charge of this group and the girls are to be commended for their regularity and faithfulness. Members of the library staff also assisted in the story hours, as well as Mrs. Earl Hollis, a kindergarten teacher. The average attendance at these story hours was 32, the largest being 56. Boards stretched between two chairs and also the floor were needed to furnish seats. Just an evidence of the need for a larger children's room with adequate seating facilities.

In keeping with the great demand for horse stories among the children, a Summer Derby was run with books from the State Certificate reading list as a basis. On August 27, this concluded with a party, and twenty-five "winners" were awarded State Reading Certificates.

Mrs. Blair has spent a great deal of time with small groups of children who have come to the library regularly. One group has been interested in studying illustrators of children's books, and they have learned to recognize and appreciate their favorites; another group has made book jackets with pictures illustrating a story. She has tried especially to interest the boys of the middle group so that they would not feel it was "sissy" to come to the library. Late this fall we purchased a number of View Master machines with reels of colored pictures, which these boys have found most absorbing. These informal groups are most important in building friendships for the library. As one child expressed it "We never used to *do* anything at the library except take books out and bring them back, take them out and bring them back."

## ADULT DEPARTMENT

The Adult Department has been equally as busy although not showing as large an increase in circulation. The reference work of a library takes much more time than charging books, and yet there are not the definite figures to make a big statistical showing. Such questions as, "How to pickle clams"; Should one paint a hen house black or white in order to have the greatest degree of warmth in the house? Are the tides in the Panama Canal higher at the Pacific end or at the Atlantic end of the canal? These all take time, and yet there may be no circulation of a book to show for it. The great demand for the Consumers' Research Bulletin this year shows the desire of citizens to be informed before buying any expensive piece of household equipment. The class of non-fiction which showed the largest increase of circulation was that of classical literature, from American through European to ancient Greek; a jump of from 1831 to 5218 at the Main Library. The large number of college students accounts partly for this change. These college students continue to use the reading room for study, so that the problem of seats for all grows. One day late this fall there were students standing up while reading, also students sitting

*Summer Derby Winners*



on the floor. I venture to say that the Thayer Public Library has the unique distinction of being the only library in the state where its patrons have to sit on the floor to study.

Borrowing books on inter-library loan is an important phase of the reference work. During the year we have borrowed 208 books on this loan system from many libraries, because of the specialized nature of many of the reference questions. Sixty-three of these loans were courses of study from towns and cities all over the country which we borrowed for the teachers of Braintree. The Division of Public Libraries has been most helpful, never finding it too difficult to try to get for us any type of book.

Such an increase in circulation and reference work naturally means the purchase of a larger number of books. 2623 added this year as against 1933 last year. It is interesting to note that we purchased a much larger number of technical and business books, books of fine arts and literature and travel, and fewer of history and biography, reflecting the peace time demand as compared to the war time demand of a few years ago. Not only is it necessary to purchase a larger number of books, but it is also necessary to weed out and discard a larger number of old books, in order to keep the collection useable in the miserably crowded space.

## PUBLICITY

Publicity is a necessity for any library which properly serves its community. Why advertise if we are so busy? There are always citizens who do not know of the library, and what it can do for them. Also we must keep the townspeople informed of the conditions which exist in their library; and arouse them to take steps to correct those conditions as speedily as possible. The library has friends but it needs many more; friends willing to organize and work for their library. Miss Isabel Handy, librarian of the East Braintree branch library has been doing splen-

did work in handling newspaper publicity. Since last February the Quincy Patriot Ledger has printed 36 articles covering book notes and library news. The Observer has printed 16 library news stories. Two pictures, one in each paper, have appeared to add interest to the publicity. Two long articles on Book Week by professional reporters brought out the close relations between the schools and the library and carried pictures of children and books for which they had made posters. In all a total of over 450 inches of news print about the library. We appreciate greatly the cooperation of both newspapers.

## STAFF

All this tremendous increase in work has been done wth difficulty because of a staff, short in personnel. In July Mrs. Ellen Peterson, Assistant Librarian, left to assume full household duties in her home. She has been greatly missed and we have not been able as yet to replace her with an equally qualified assistant. Miss Betty Brousseau, a junior clerical assistant left to begin training at the Massachusetts General Hospital. We have found it difficult to keep up with many of the clerical duties, so great have been the other types of library work. Mrs. Marietta Newcomb, a graduate of Boston University, has been assisting very efficiently at the circulation desk. During the year, when schedules allowed, staff members have attended many meetings of professional library associations. Meetings of the Massachusetts Library Association at Simmons College, and at Pittsfield, the Old Colony Library Club at Cohasset and Middleboro, and the New England Regional Library Association at Swampscott. The librarian attended the American Association Conference at San Francisco, and I am grateful to the trustees for the time allowed to me for this purpose. Space does not allow any report of these meetings; it was, however, a most stimulating and inspiring experience to come in contact with librarians from all over the country, all faced with many of the same problems, and all working towards the best ways of solving them.

## WHERE DO WE STAND?

The Thayer Public Library is up to standard with the exception of the library building. Work is carried on in a 75 year old building. With the increase in work, conditions grow worse each year. The ever present question from library patrons is "How is the new building coming?" "When are you going to have a real campaign?" We must not sit back and say it cannot be done yet, so why bother about it now. Don't you believe the citizens would overwhelmingly vote for a new library building if they were given a chance to express themselves on a ballot? Would not the 8,230 registered borrowers approve? It takes time and planning and a concerted effort on the part of everyone to put a building program across, and such a program can and must be started now, in 1948.

With vision, with faith, with hope and with constant work, we *can* have a Thayer Public Library to be *proud* of, in the not too distant future.

### STATISTICS OF LIBRARY USE 1947

#### *Registered Borrowers*

Borrowers Dec. 31, 1946	6,447	1,347	7,794
Registered during 1947	1,047	492	1,539
Cards expired and moved during 1947	780	323	1,103
Registered borrowers Dec. 31, 1947	6,714	1,516	8,230
40.5% of the population.			

#### *Books Loaned*

Adult fiction	70,954	39% of total	1,818
Adult non-fiction	34,218	19% of total	3,066
Children's books	75,471	42% of total	23,283
Total books loaned	180,643		28,167
Books loaned from branches	79,623	44% of total	922
Circulation per capita	8.9 books.		

*Book Stock*

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Volumes at beginning of year	33,333	8,070	41,403
Volumes added by purchase	1,236	1,304	2,540
Volumes added by gift	71	12	83
Volumes lost by withdrawn	1,149	657	1,806
Total volumes Dec. 31, 1947	33,491	8,729	42,220

*Report of*

## **Park Commissioners**

EARL C. HOLLIS, *Chairman*

CHARLES F. ABELL, *Clerk*

HARRY F. VINTON, JR.

1947 Appropriation

\$6,826.50

1947 Expenditures

\$6,815.59

"Play for the adult is re-creation, the renewal of life; play for the child is growth, the gaining of life," as Joseph Lee often spoken of as "Father of the Playgrounds" said.

The increasing number of people who insist in participating in outdoor sports and games has created the problem not merely of providing the playing facilities but of securing the needed play spaces conveniently located for the use of the townspeople.

Routine care and maintenance has been given all parks.

The greens in all parts of town have been mowed and maintained, the baseball diamonds kept in excellent condition.

At French's Common, more than 150 league baseball games were played. This figure does not include the grammar school, High School or Park Department contests. On Hollis Field, twenty-five (25) teams participated in softball, while the Legion team used the baseball diamond. Ninety contests were played on both the Adams and Watson Playgrounds during the past season.

Inter-playground contests were played, a league being formed on each of the playgrounds and operated very successfully. The Adams Playground nine capturing the league title in a playoff contest with the Hollis Playground nine.

At the 1948 Town Meeting, this Board seeks funds with which additional playgrounds will be obtained by the town, one on Common Street, Braintree; Faxon Street, East Braintree and at the junction of Washington and Pond Streets, South Braintree.





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